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Christ Church
Harbor Lights

*In the Name of
the Father, and of
the Son, and of the
Holy Spirit.*

*All members and friends of
Christ Lutheran Church
are invited to honor*

The Rev. Dr. John R. Sabatelli

*upon his retirement after
almost 30 years as our Pastor.*

*Sunday, June 24, 2012
The Holy Eucharist
3:00 p.m.*

*Reception to follow in the
Fellowship Hall.
A nursery will be available.*

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Weekly Worship

SUMMER SCHEDULE

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SUNDAYS
Formal Service of
Holy Communion
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Contemporary Service
of Holy Communion
9:45 a.m.

Sunday School
resumes September 9.

WEDNESDAYS
Morning Service of
Prayer
11:00 a.m.

Candlelight Holy
Communion
7:15 p.m.

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Happy Father's Day

Sunday, June 17, 2012

A TRIBUTE TO THE REV. DR. JOHN R. SABATELLI ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS PASTOR OF CHRIST CHURCH

Romans 8:28: "*We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.*"
(Pastor Sabatelli's favorite Bible verse)

The Rev. Dr. John R. Sabatelli was ordained on October 3, 1971, by the Metropolitan New York Synod. He served two churches in Wantagh and Islip Terrace, New York, both also named Christ Lutheran, before coming to Baltimore. On January 24, 1983, Pastor Sabatelli became the sixth Senior Pastor in the almost 100 years of our congregation.

It is impossible to exaggerate the enormous impact that Pastor Sabatelli has had on the life of Christ Church in his nearly 30 years as our Pastor. It is also impossible to summarize his work in a few paragraphs. We can only mention here a few contributions of his tenure and wait for a new edition of the church history planned for our congregation's 125th anniversary this December to tell the full story.

For almost three decades at Christ Church, Pastor Sabatelli has powerfully preached God's Word and faithfully administered the sacraments. Our church's worship experience has been continually enhanced through majestic traditional Eucharist services each Sunday, often featuring violin, timpani, and brass; contemplative Wednesday evening services and Bible study sessions; and an informal contemporary Holy Communion service each week. Special services, such as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Ascension Day, have also become highlights of the worship year at Christ Church.

The new Andover organ and several rounds of extensive building renovations throughout the years will be long-term contributions of Pastor Sabatelli's tenure to the Christ Church campus, not to mention making it possible for the Lutheran Center to join us in our wonderful Inner Harbor location.

Initiatives focused on direct hands-on service to the poor and needy have increased dramatically under Pastor Sabatelli's inspired leadership. Baltimore Outreach Services was founded to operate the homeless shelter for women and children in our undercroft and to help shelter residents transition into self-sufficient members of the community. Tutoring and other initiatives in our neighborhood public schools have significantly improved the community's education opportunities. A vibrant health ministry is in place in our church, including Alcoholics Anonymous sessions that are held on many nights during the week in our facility.

Christian education has remained an ongoing priority throughout Pastor Sabatelli's tenure. Regularly, parishioners -- from the youngest nursery school student to the most senior adult -- are nourished by God's Word through a variety of interactive and interesting formats.

In the wider church, Pastor Sabatelli has served as chair of the Board of the Lutheran Community Foundation, president and chair of several stewardship committees for the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, and a member of the alumni board of directors of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. He was also named a Distinguished Pastor-in-Residence and was a recipient of the Muhlenberg Award for Excellence in Parish Ministry, both from Philadelphia Seminary.

He has held numerous positions in the Delaware-Maryland Synod, including Dean of the Conference multiple times. In addition to serving as an advisor to several floundering congregations in their revitalization efforts, he has been a mentor to many seminary students and newly-ordained pastors over the years.

Throughout the ELCA, our Pastor is known as an expert on stewardship. He has served as a presenter for the Lutheran Laity Movement and the Blue Ribbon Committee for Churchwide Support.

As a dedicated community worker, he has been a member of several hospital boards in Baltimore and even finds time to chair his neighborhood's homeowners' association.

On May 20, 2007, Pastor Sabatelli was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree from his alma mater, the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, for his outstanding leadership and faithful commitment not only to Christ Church, but also the wider church community, including the Delaware-Maryland Synod and the ELCA.

Pastor Sabatelli was the hard-working and visionary leader that the congregation needed in 1983 to take us to the next level in worship and service to others, and now, at the end of his almost three decades as Pastor, he has positioned Christ Church as the preeminent Lutheran urban congregation on the East Coast.

As important as these contributions have been to the life of our beloved congregation, what most people will probably miss the most is Pastor Sabatelli's total dedication to pastoral care. Presiding over a joyous wedding, baptizing our newest family member, visiting our hospitalized members on the morning of a serious operation to bring again the news of God's continuing care for us, and saying just the right things at the funeral of a dear friend or loved one may very well be how we will remember our Pastor most fondly.

Please plan to join us for the celebration recognizing Pastor Sabatelli's four decades of service to the Christian ministry, almost 30 years of which were as our Pastor, on Sunday afternoon June 24, 2012.

Members have received an envelope to contribute to a purse to be presented to Pastor and Jane at the reception. Additional envelopes have been placed in the narthex if you did not receive one and would like to donate. Please be generous. Make your check payable to Christ Lutheran Church and return it to the church office, marked for the Pastor's retirement celebration.

We look forward to seeing you to help make June 24 a banner day for the Sabatelli family and for Christ Church.

The Retirement Planning Committee
Susan Borsuk, Nancy Charitonuk, Connie Crabtree-Burritt, Kenneth Homer, Bruce Kirby, Carol Morgan, Gloria Paar, Brenda Perry, Edgar Schick, Donna Spencer, and Ronald Thomas (chair)

PARKING FOR THE RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

On the afternoon of June 24, parking on the church's Charles Street lot will be reserved for special guests. However, free parking will be available for celebration attendees in our underground parking garage on Lee Street, with a validation stamp. Even if the sign says "full," if spaces are available, church attendees will be admitted.

Free parking for about 100 additional cars will also be available at the Under Armour Tide Point parking lot P, on Key Highway East (extended). There will be shuttle services from and to the parking lot provided by an Augsburg Lutheran Home and Village bus and driver. Shuttle service will be available from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. and from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on June 24th. We are grateful for these generous donations by Augsburg and Under Armour. Members and friends are encouraged to use this lot, as it will provide a very easy and convenient way to park on what will most likely be a busy and congested traffic day at the Inner Harbor.

To reach the lot on Key Highway East, proceed east on Key Highway at the church, past the Science Center. Keep following Key Highway until you see a Royal Farm gas and convenience store on your right. At that time, get into the left turn lane so that you can bear left at the traffic light. (It is not a complete left-hand turn). Continue on what is now called Key Highway East until you cross railroad tracks and the road curves. You will then see parking lot P on your right.

A Letter From:
PASTOR SABATELLI
Pastor

Dear Members of Christ Lutheran Church,

St. Paul begins his epistle to the Philippians with these words, “I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,” and just so I thank God for you and the ministry we have shared for nearly thirty years.

The saints who gather at 701 South Charles Street have striven in all things to proclaim the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ, both in words and deeds, reaching and touching the lives of tens of thousands of people over 125 years. It has been a great honor and privilege to be your pastor for nearly one quarter of those years.

When I accepted the call of the congregation on December 5, 1982 , I knew that I would be a link in a great chain of pastors beginning with Leander M. Zimmerman, and hopefully continuing until the Lord returns. “To everything there is a season,” scripture says, and for me the season has turned, and it is time to retire and explore new avenues to serve God and love the neighbor, to relax and travel, and to have more time with Jane, our family and friends.

I leave Christ Church with great confidence in its lay leadership, staff and newly elected pastor, Susan E. Tjornehoj. She will be a vibrant, faithful and creative link in that great chain of pastors of this exceptional church family.

God’s blessings are made new each morning. May you know those blessings individually and as a church. You will be in my thoughts, my prayers, and in my heart always for love is eternal, and I do love you.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Pastor Sabatelli
Sixth Pastor of Christ Church

Notes From:
PASTOR HUBER
Associate Pastor

The Lord be with all of you.

Our transition process has brought us to calling our new pastor, Pastor Susan Tjornehoj, and saying good-bye to Pastor Sabatelli. In much of the church literature transitions and transitional times are often described in rather negative tones: "It's an anxious time — a time fraught with danger— a time of uncertainty— a time of grave importance for the future of the congregation (and the church)."

While there is some truth in all of that, my experience says that times of transitions are exciting times, times of great anticipation for what the Holy Spirit will reveal, times of renewed energy and commitment, and a time of expectation for the new things God will do. These are especially true in congregations that have healthy systems. Healthy congregational systems beget healthy, vibrant transitions. Christ Church has the healthiest congregational system of any congregation I have ever served or been associated with.

The other curious thing in looking at the church literature on pastoral transitions in congregations— they are written almost exclusively from the perspective of the new pastor. What she should or shouldn't do, how he can best form relationships in the parish, and best practices for what to do for the first six months. Very little is written as a positive guide for congregational members.

So, I thought I would, with apologies to David Letterman, give you my Top Ten List to: *"What are Best Practices by Congregational Members during our Pastoral Transition."*

#10

Pray for our congregation's ministry and give thanks for the nearly 30 years we have been led by the spiritual gifts and vision of Pastor Sabatelli.

#9

Trust the Holy Spirit continues to lead us in this transition as it has lead us in all the others.

8

Discern and know your God-given Passion and Spiritual Gifts, so when Pastor Tjornehoj calls us to strengthen existing ministries and leads us to new faith adventures, you know how God is calling you to participate.

#7

Be Ready to Forgive— new pastors and congregational members all share a common reality—they're sinners. Forgiveness is a key ingredient to all Christian relationships— and it isn't limited to transitions!

6

No Secrets Allowed! If good things are happening make sure to voice that. If concerns are being raised, talk directly to Pastor Tjornehoj.

5

Improve your relationship with God— with bible study, prayer, devotional reading, worship, etc. It will help give perspective and balance in your life and for your participation in the ministry and mission of our congregation.

#4

Look for the Joy that is, for participating in ministry at Christ Church—the smiles of children in our shelter, the sounds of our choir, the excitement of newly baptized adults, the cries of children wrapped in the waters of baptism, the fellowship and mutual care of Wednesday evening suppers, and the joy in Pastor Tjornehoj's commitment to join us in ministry.

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Take a Picture of yourself and family (if applicable), especially if you aren't in the last pictorial directory done in 2008, so Pastor Tjornehoj can better know who you are. If you email or text the picture to me (pr.huber@christinnerharbor.org, 410.375.5053) I will put all the pictures, with names, into a nicely bound booklet. You can enhance the picture by letting it tell something about you: you love to fish—hold a fishing poll; you love to quilt— hold a quilt you made; you love to text— hold your cell phone; you love the Ravens—wear your jersey.

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Reflect on Philippians 1:3-6 as the goal for our relationship with Pastor Tjornehoj: *"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer*

> *with joy, thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure that he who began a good work in your will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."*

And the # 1 Answer to *"What are Best Practices by Congregational Members during our Pastoral Transition."*

> ***Pray for Pastor Tjornehoj***, her husband Pastor David Wangaard, and their daughter, Ingrid, a student at Luther College. Pray for them as they say good-bye in Minneapolis and make new beginnings in Baltimore. Pray for the Holy Spirit to use Pastor Tjornehoj's spiritual gifts and vision for leading us in mission and ministry.

May the Holy Spirit strengthen and guide your ministry during this time of pastoral transition.

In Christ,

Pastor Huber

This & That From:
PASTOR BRE ROBERTS
Assistant Pastor

Being Sent: Some thoughts on being a youth pastor

Often times I hear from people, "Oh, middle schoolers are hard to handle." Or, "I just don't know how you can sleep on the floor on youth events." Or, "I'm so glad *you* teach confirmation!" I think comments like these stem from our culture in the church that young people are the "future of the church," that we adults are the church now and when they are responsible enough and the hormones have leveled off, then we let them be church with us.

If you happen to have a youth in your house or you are lucky to spend time with youth on a regular basis, you know that they are not the "future of our church." **Friends, these teenagers are the church.** They are struggling to define themselves by their identity as beloved children of God in a world where they are told to uphold a multitude of other identities. I can say with confidence that our youth at Christ Church are the present and real church, the body of Christ, in their schools, homes, sports fields, etc.

My job as the pastor at Christ Church who leads the youth program is to support these maturing Christians and their families as they make their way through adolescence. I am sent to accompany these young people as they experience God at Mar-Lu Ridge, at synod youth events, and especially this summer in New Orleans at the Youth Gathering. I am sent to be there when they come home, tired and probably a little stinky, to begin to unpack what happened and what that encounter with God means for their families, friends, and church community.

Please pray for us as July approaches. You are sending us, so our hands can do God's work in New Orleans. Pray for our church, those going to the Gathering and those staying behind, that we might all proclaim, "You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present, let the cosmos praise you, Lord!" (ELW 535)

+ Pastor Bre

YOUTH REMINDERS!

Sunday, June 3rd: Last Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for New Orleans, from 9am until after 11am service! Come early to set up or come late to help clean. Bring your smiling faces to thank CLC folk for their support!

Sunday, July 1st: Last (scheduled) Youth Gathering meeting at 12:15pm after church! Come hear final details, like when to be at the airport, what to bring, and what the weather will be like in NOLA. We will finish our covenant and sign it together. Parents, please come and join us!

notes from The Director of Music

"The only constant in life is change." Being your typical Midwest Scandinavian Lutheran, this adage does not go over well for me. I enjoy having a daily and weekly routine and prefer to be in a steady environment. However, change is always around, and constant in the life of the church. Each liturgical season brings its change of music, themes, and colors, and I couldn't imagine the church year without this variety. Our prayers and readings change on a weekly basis, and over time their wording has changed with different translations and hymnals. Even the text of a hymn can change. We may not like it when a new hymnal comes out and a few words in our favorite hymns have been altered. But in reality, the words that we held as sacred probably varied from the words that were sung by congregants a few generations before us and even different from those a few generations before that. It is often the case that the hymn was originally written in a different language for a different time, and these alterations came about because the editors are trying to find a translation that best matches the primary intent of the author while being relevant to our current time. While we may find these changes difficult, they help us expand our thinking and experience of the text, which further deepens and enhances our faith.

Change will also continue in the life of Christ Church. Like our hymns, we will be given a new "translation" through Pastor Tjornehoj's preaching. Our scripture texts won't change but the perspective will be different. Our familiar readings will be heard in a new way and will illuminate new meanings as the Holy Spirit uses her voice to make the "author's" primary intent relevant in our time. The eternal truth of the message stays the same – God's redeeming love for His people – but we will hear it afresh, just like our hymn texts, from a new vantage point. And just like every other change in the life of the church, Christ will be walking alongside us and leading us.

So really the adage should be, "The only constants in life are change… and God's presence and love." God has guided each change at Christ Church and will always continue to do so. God led Pastor Sabatelli to Christ Church and guided his creation of the many various ministries. Christ has given him the compassion to tend and care for those in his flock. The Spirit has given him the conviction to preach the truth of the Gospel. I am grateful for the time that I have had to learn from and share ministry with Pastor Sabatelli. But change is a constant, and God is present in all change, and He will continue to bless and lead Christ Church.

Soli Deo Gloria!
Daniel

The Bach Concert Series

BachInBaltimore.org

Join the Bach Concert Series Choir and Orchestra for a special season finale concert on June 3rd at 4:00 PM, right here at Christ Lutheran Church! The program will feature two of J.S. Bach's most celebratory cantatas with a full orchestra, including trumpets and percussion. The full program includes the Bourrée and Gigue from Bach's Overture in D major, Cantata 149: *Man singet mit Freuden vom Sieg* and Cantata 130: *Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir.* Jennifer Lynn Waters, Leneida Crawford, Jason Rylander and Jason Thoms are the special guest soloists for the cantatas. The concert will also include Bach's Sonata in E-flat major for Flute and Continuo, with Kimberly Valerio on flute and Bozena Jadrzejczak on harpsichord, and a performance by the Singing Sensations Youth Choir under the direction of Dr. Hollie Hood-Mincey. **Tickets are required** for this concert and cost only $30 for adults and $15 for students up to age 22. Visit www.bachinbaltimore.org to purchase or call 1-410-941-9262.

According to:
CARLIEN PARLETT
Director of Christian Education

All of God's Children... Respect, Listen and Remember!

"Train up a child in the way they should go, and when they grow old they will not depart from it."

The book of Proverbs is an excellent source of wisdom from Solomon. In the first chapter, Solomon tells us that we are to bow down to God, listen to what our fathers tell us and remember what we learn from our mothers as they instruct us. Have you ever wondered what our children would say if they were asked what we have taught them that makes a difference in their lives?

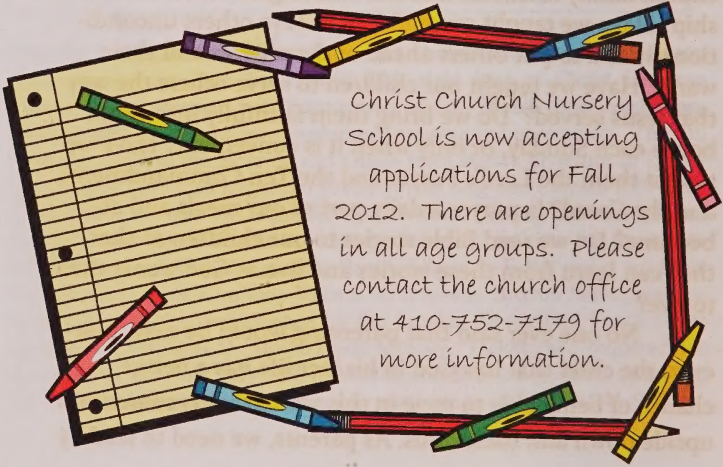
Children learn from example. Have we taught them to always put God first... or to make schedules that are so busy that God has to compete for a place in their busy lives? Have we taught our children to come faithfully into God's house each Sunday with reverence and respect for God, their church family members and the building in which we worship? Have we taught our children to love others unconditionally and to put others ahead of themselves and their wants. Have we taught our children to serve others the way that Jesus served? Do we bring them faithfully into God's house each Sunday, or only when it is convenient? Have we taught them the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments and the Creed? Is prayer a daily part of our meals and at bedtime? Do we read Bible stories to our children so that they can learn from these stories and live as God wants them to live?

No one ever said that parenting would be easy, however, the child that has God in his/her life has a better chance of being able to cope in this world that is sometimes upside down and backwards. As parents, we need to lead by example and instruct our children in God's Word. Christ Church is here to help with our programs, however, you have to be the primary source and catalyst for your child. We must always remember, "to whom much is given, much is required."

This summer, Christ Church will be offering a three in one program on Wednesday nights called "Fun-Filled Wednesdays". There will be a music program with Mr. Daniel that will incorporated Suzuki puppets, Boom-whackers, rhythm instruments, and Suzuki tone chimes. There will be a physical education program with Mr. Dave called "Kung-Fu Panda Training Camp" and a Bible story/ Art Activity time with Miss Carlien called "The Gospel of the Lorax", which will teach us to take care of God's earth.

Please plan to join us when your summer schedule allows. May we always teach our children ... "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."

Carlien



Christ Church Nursery School is now accepting applications for Fall 2012. There are openings in all age groups. Please contact the church office at 410-752-7179 for more information.

FUN-FILLED WEDNESDAYS

WHERE: CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

WHEN: EVERY WEDNESDAY, BEGINNING
JUNE 13TH AND GOING THROUGH
AUGUST 22ND, 2012

WE WILL BEGIN AT 6:30PM AND END AT 8:00PM. THERE WILL BE MUSIC WITH BOOM WHACKERS, TONE CHIMES AND RHYTHM INSTRUMENTS WITH MR. DANIEL AUNE, KUNG FU PANDA TRAINING WITH MR. DAVE MERRITT, AND THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO THE LORAX WITH MISS CARLIEN WHICH WILL INCLUDE A BIBLE STORY AND FUN ART ACTIVITIES.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATES AND JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

A Message From:
LINDA CITRONI
Parish Nurse

“Tips for Cutting Costs To Make Ends Meet”

In November 2011, Christ Church members were invited to participate in a Health Ministry Wellness Assessment. The survey was developed to better meet the health needs and interests of the entire church community. The assessment tool was based upon the ELCA Wholeness Wheel which illustrates that wellness is not just physical, but multidimensional. Exploring the social, emotional, physical, financial, vocational, intellectual, and spiritual aspects of our health and well-being provides us balance that enables us to live well in Christ and with others. “Healthy Money Management” and “How to Cut Costs and Make Ends Meet” received a high response rate with interest in receiving more information. “Healthy Money Management will be addressed on a Sunday morning in November of this year. Beginning June 3 and throughout the summer, Health Ministry will be set up outside the parlor to offer tips and resources and will ask you to offer your tips on how you cut costs and make ends meet. Our hope is that through mutual sharing we can come up with creative ideas that can make a difference in our lives. Please think about what works for you and share that with others. We look forward to talking with you at our display beginning in June.

Scriptural Food for Thought:
“Therefore encourage one another and build up each other,
as indeed you are doing.”
1 Thessalonians 5: 11

June is:

National Scleroderma Awareness Month
www.scleroderma.org
and
National Safety Month
www.nsc.org

The CDC reports the 5th leading cause of death in this country in 2010 was from accidents (unintentional injuries). According to the National Safety Council, everyday approximately 245 people die of unintentional injuries in homes and communities. In 2007, the six leading causes of unintentional injury death in the U.S. were:

- Motor vehicle crashes
- Poisonings, including unintentional overdoses
- Falls
- Choking
- Drowning
- Fires, flames and smoke

When someone is injured, the effects go beyond that person and extend to family members, friends, neighbors, employers and communities. The key to preventing injuries is making simple changes to your lifestyle - recognizing where most hazards are and how injuries can occur when participating in different activities. Below are a few of the many strategies to prevent injuries:

- Stay off your cell phone when you are driving. Your safety practices directly influence the safety practices of your children.
- Get trained in first aid, CPR and AED online or in a classroom.
- Check and if necessary, change the batteries on your smoke and carbon monoxide detector.
- Properly dispose of unused and expired medications.

Share these strategies with family, friends and neighbors. You can play a large part in keeping those around you safe and alive. See our *"Here's to Your Health"* Reading Nook in the coffee hour room for more information on these topics and more.

Current Health Ministry Programs

Weekly Programs

Monday	11:00 a.m.—CCHA Blood Pressure Screening 8:00 p.m.—AA *Guides to Progress* Meeting
Tuesday	7:30 p.m.—AA *Hope Harbor Group* Meeting 7:30 p.m.—Al-Anon Meeting
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.—Wednesday Walkers (start in front of Christ Church Harbor Apartments)
Thursday	8:30 p.m.—AA *Harbor City Group* Meeting 8:30 p.m.—Al Anon Meeting

Monthly Programs

Prayer Shawl Ministry—first Wednesday of the month at 4:45 p.m. in the parlor.

Blood Pressure Screening—second Sunday of the month after church services in the parlor.

Additional Programs

Needs & Leads Email—"Needs & Leads" list opportunities that members seeking employment or with leads on open positions can pursue with each other. "Needs & Leads" is not a job placement service, but a place where members with needs and leads might connect. To add your job needs and leads to this list, email linda@christinnerharbor.org.

Cell Phones—old cell phones are collected in a large can in the foyer near the chapel. *Secure the Call* cleans, reprograms and distributes them to those in need and at risk—seniors and domestic abuse victims—for use as 911 emergency access phones.

Eyeglass donation—collected, cleaned, and distributed to those in need around the world. A donation box is located near the cell phone donation can in the foyer of the parish building.

Joys and Concerns List—located next to the grandfather clock is updated weekly with addresses and names for sending cards and prayers.

News from:
KAREN ADKINS
Director of
Social Ministry

BLOOD DRIVE

Christ Church's next Blood Drive will be held Monday, June 11th from 2:30-7:30. Please share the gift of life. Many of our long-term donors are taking medications and can no longer donate blood. We need blood donors! Please consider this life saving ministry. It usually takes about one hour. Cancer patients, accident victims and persons needing essential surgery need your help. Please donate and ask a friend to come with you. You have to be at least 17 years old and weigh 90 pounds to donate blood.

OUR SYNOD IN TANZANIA

Christ Church, along with other churches in the Maryland Delaware Synod are paying for housing to support a teacher in the Mara Diocese in Tanzania. Annie Bunio is working in a Bible School for Evangelists. Our companion synod listed this as one of their top priorities. Annie and her students ask for your prayers to support their work in Tanzania. Annie reports "My first week here was a big harvest week, so I was able to help with the harvest of sunflowers and maize. It really makes you think a lot about how much work goes into producing our food, especially when the work is done by hand. There are 23 students here studying to be evangelists. I help students study individually and in groups. I teach an English class to the workers at the school and a Bible study class with the missionary here. I am also in charge of sports games and we play volleyball, soccer and Frisbee." Annie is posting a blog about her experience and you can follow it at http://accompanimemtinafrica.blogspot.com.

UPDATE FROM TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

We currently have nine families in our two year supportive housing program. All of the moms are working; four have been working recently to advance their skills. Vonita is working a weekend option in a factory. She is currently enrolled in our culinary arts training program and will graduate in May. She hopes to obtain a job cooking after graduation, which she really enjoys. Susan just completed certified nurse assistant training and she now has a job working with developmentally delayed teenagers. Noelle has been working at Starbucks since September and she just transferred to the new store in South Baltimore. She is currently in training for a shift supervisor position. Karma was trained for a weekend shelter manager position in our homeless shelter.

CHILDREN'S SOCIAL WORKER

United Way awarded BOS and three other family shelters a grant for $47,000 for children's programming. Pam Poolson joined our staff May 1, 2012. She is a social worker that works with families as soon as they arrive to get children enrolled in school and preschool programs and to help parents advocate for their children and understand their children's needs. The funding provides funds for school clothing, transportation and other needs. In addition, programming is increased for educational field trips for days that the children are out of school at Spring Break and Christmas. Parenting classes will also be funded.

Karen Adkins
Director of Social Ministry

MALAWI

Bonnie Gillespie, Voices for a Malaria Free Future, Tanzania

"Thank you for helping us fight malaria."

www.elca.org/malaria

Agogo Maria—that's "grandma Maria" in the Chichewa language of Malawi—used to lie awake at night listening for the tell-tale whine of a mosquito and worrying about her little granddaughter, Chikondi. Just one bite from an infected mosquito could transmit malaria—which is especially dangerous for young children. Though the disease is preventable and treatable, it is still a leading cause of death in Africa, claiming the life of a child every 45 seconds.

Chikondi has already had malaria twice. The last time, she had to spend a week in the hospital—but she's one of the lucky ones. She survived. No wonder Agogo Maria would lie awake and worry.

But those days are over. Thanks to the generosity of people like you, Agogo Maria now has an insecticide-treated net to keep the mosquitoes away from her sleeping family and has been trained in its use. The village water committee works hard to clean up standing water where mosquitoes breed. And a clinic has been built and equipped to treat people with malaria as soon as symptoms appear.

"See," Agogo Maria shouts loudly. "She has no fever! *Tathakoza*—Thank you! Thank you for helping us fight malaria."

Your gifts to the ELCA Malaria Campaign will help our companion churches in Africa provide mosquito nets, insecticides, medication, mosquito control and comprehensive health education— methods proven to be highly effective in fighting malaria. Please help with your gift today.

YES! I would like to help fight malaria.

You may donate to the Malaria Campaign through Christ Church using the specially marked envelopes found in the this newsletter. Additional envelopes can be found in the narthex.

FAIR TRADE

The Lutheran World Relief Project was started in 1996. Sixteen years and still going strong is the commitment by Lutherans to Fair Trade. Every time Lutherans use Fair trade coffee in congregations, sell it to members, and drink it at home, they minister to their coffee-growing neighbors around the world. Through the LWR Coffee Project Lutherans have raised over $613,000.00 for the Lutheran Relief Small Farmer Fund. Lutheran congregations, working together, are making a big difference for small farmers.

For a more complete understanding of LWR's efforts visit LWR's blog for stories, photos and reflections. When we support Fair Trade, we honor our human connection with workers around the world and respect their right to receive fair prices for their work. The choices we make are truly felt around the world.

God's love for humankind knows no boundaries, is gracious and self-giving. As God is compassionate, so God's people are called to be compassionate. Thus we believe there is no greater way of serving God than in Christian love which serves our neighbors in need. God gives all people the capacity to work for the common good. The core values of LWR are seek humility, openess and mutual respect in partnerships with communities and organizations, at home and abroad, in the church and beyond so that these relationships transform us.

Buying Fair Trade products support's LWR's innovative long-term solutions to world hunger and poverty. Put your faith into action and purchase a bag of Fair Trade coffee or tea and pour justice to the brim. Try organic Breakfast Blend. It is a medium and French roast blend. It has a vanilla, pecan and syrupy aroma with a balance, sweet flavor with a gentle and refined acidity. The aftertaste is sweet like roasted cocoa nibs.

Try Equal Exchange's Spring Tea Feature - Chamomile. April showers bring May flowers, and spring is the perfect time to try their most flowery of teas - Chamomile. Chamomile tea is made of the crushed daisy-like flowers of the Chamomile plant, which is a low-growing relative of the sunflower. Naturally caffeine-free and known for its calming, sleep-inducing properties, Chamomile was used as a medicine by the asncient Egyptians, Greeks and Romans. Its name derives from the Greek words chamos (ground) and melos (apple), referring to its creeping habit and the apple scent of fresh blossoms. Equal Exchange's Chamomile comes from Egypt, which is known for producing Chamomile that is exceptionally aromatic.

SOURCE: Equal Exchange

How about trying Chamomile Biscotti recipe?

INGREDIENTS
2 1/4 cups All-purpose flour
1 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp baking soda
1/4 tsp salt
2/3 cup sugar
2 eggs
3 tbsp honey
1/2 tsp vanilla
2 tbsp orange zest
1 tbsp strong brewed Equal Exchange Organic Chamomile Tea
1 cup whole almonds

PROCEDURE
1 In a mixing bowl, sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt.
2 In a separate bowl, whisk together sugar and eggs. Stir in honey, vanilla, zest, and tea. Stir in dry ingredients until just combined. Fold in almonds.
3 Divide batter into two equal sections. Form each half into a log approximately 3 inches wide by 3/4 inch high, arranged lengthwise on a buttered cookie sheet. Be sure that logs are at least one inch apart.
4 Bake logs for 35 minutes at 350 degrees.
5 Remove from oven and cool for ten minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 325 degrees.
6 Using a serrated knife, cut logs diagonally into 1 - inch thick slices, discarding ends. Lay slices on their sides on the cookie sheet. Return to oven and bake for another15 minutes, flipping the slices halfway through. Makes about 30 Biscotti.

Al Miller

Taking Care of God's World

Baltimore's Tree Canopy

This summer when you're walking or driving around the city's neighborhoods, crossing a parking lot, or sitting at a red light in your air-conditioned car, take a look around, and up. Do you see trees? The tree canopy is the area, from a bird's-eye-view, that is shaded by trees. American Forests, America's oldest non-profit citizens' conservation organization, recommends a 40 percent tree canopy for healthy cities. Baltimore's current tree canopy is 27.4 percent. Some neighborhoods are lushly green in summer, while some have few street trees. Where would you rather live? Tree Baltimore would like to follow the lead of visionary tree-planting cities like New York and Chicago by increasing our tree canopy. Here are some of the many, many benefits of trees on our residential and business properties, streets, parks, and public building grounds:

Trees increase property values
Trees reduce air temperature
Trees save energy by shading buildings and reducing daytime air-conditioning needs
Trees slow and filter rainwater and protect the Chesapeake Bay
Trees capture carbon and reduce pollutants
Trees lengthen the road repaving cycle dramatically by shading asphalt from extreme temperatures in summer.

Established in 2007, Tree Baltimore is an umbrella organization working with many public and private partners to increase Baltimore's tree canopy. Tree Baltimore can faciliate a neighborhood-wide street tree planting initiative; match you up with a free or reduced-price tree for your property; help you with issues like removal of a dead street tree or stump in order to plant a new tree; and teach you how best to plant and care for young trees, so that they have the best chance of surviving to maturity and providing all their economic and social benefits to the community year after year.

For more information, visit www.treebaltimore.org or call Charles Murphy, Greening Coordinator: 410-458-7888.

FELLOWSHIP

NEW MOMS GROUP

Friday, June 22nd

12:30pm—2pm

All moms-to-be and new moms with little ones one year and under are invited to join us! Childcare is provided and babies are welcome with the group. We will meet in the parlor for lunch, fellowship and support. See Pastor Bre if you have questions.

SAVE THE DATE
For Chick Flicks in June
Tuesday, June 5th @ 6:30 p.m.

Women of all ages are invited to join us for food, fellowship, and a flick!

Our next movie will be: **When Harry Met Sally**. Join us in the parlor on Tuesday, June 5th at 6:30pm. Our main dish and drinks will be provided; please bring a dessert or side dish to share. RSVP and mention childcare needs for the event to Pastor Bre.

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MISSION TRIP TO EL SALVADOR (2012)

The annual mission trip to El Salvador is confirmed for September 22-30, 2012. The trip is open to adult members, and no construction skills or international travel experience is required. Groups from Christ Church have traveled to El Salvador the last 3 years, with participation increasing every year! If you are considering attending this amazing ministry or would like more information, please email Kevin Buckley (buckleyk@gmail.com) or Diane Lewicki (nursediane@gmail.com). You can also speak with Pastor Bre.

Pastor Sabatelli and my Christ Church family,

Thank you so much for the Eddie's gift certificate. It was appreciated immensely and I am very grateful.

Sincerely,
Joan Revere

MMMPHGLXX!!
NOT UNLIKE JESUS, MY DAD OFTEN UNDERGOES GREAT TEMPTATIONS IN THE WILDERNESS...
FRANK

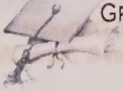
PASTORAL ACTS

"You are a child of God, sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever."

Holy Baptism

Elijah Baydarian	April 1
Tony Nuckles, Jr.	April 8
Arnell Hoskinson	April 8
Hudson Frew	May 13

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



Matthew Day - May 11th from Seminary at Gettysburg

Jamie Fisher – May 11, 2012 - Lenoir – Rhyne University, North Carolina Bachelor of Arts Double Major, Political Science & History

Chris Wulf—M.S. from JHU Carey Business School in IT Management.

Kevin Buckley—M.S. from JHU Carey Business School in IT Management.

Anniversaries

Mr & Mrs Arnold Olsson	30 years on June 12
The Rev. & Mrs. John Sabatelli	40 years on June 24
Mr & Mrs. James Steinmeier	50 years on June 15
The Rev. &Mrs. Alfred Buls	65 years on June 29

MEMORIAL GIFTS

GIFTS GIVEN TO BALTIMORE OUTREACH SERVICES

In memory of:	**By**:
David Harrison	Cathy & Len Martin
David Harrison	Sue Borsuk
C. Richard Ward, Sr.	Sylvia Weaver

GIFTS GIVEN TO HEALTH MINISTRIES

In memory of:	**By:**
James Stubbs	Dan Meyers
James Stubbs	Monday Morning Counters

GIFTS GIVEN TO THE ORGAN FUND

In honor of:	**By**:
Pastor & Jane Sabatelli	Gail Dettwiler
Pastor & Jane Sabatelli	Joan & Steve Wright

In memory of:	**By**:
Patricia Borsuk	Val Harrison
Clifford Ferrin	Karen & Bryan Glover, Sr.
Clifford Ferrin	Gloria Schmidt
James Stubbs	John & Gail Bright
James Stubbs	Dawn Carlson
James Stubbs	Urtella Coffey
James Stubbs	Mary Engler
James Stubbs	Karen & Bryan Glover, Sr.
James Stubbs	Ann Kirchner
James Stubbs	Mark & Frances Mahoney
James Stubbs	Delores & Kurt Olszewski
James Stubbs	Gloria Schmidt
James Stubbs	John Sprainis
James Stubbs	Martha Trimmer
James Stubbs	Edgar & Peggy Schick
James Stubbs	August & Lynn Weber
Vilma Sweet	Karen & Bryan Glover, Sr.
Vilma Sweet	Gloria Schmidt

GIFTS GIVEN TO THE WORLD HUNGER

In honor of:	**By:**
Edythe Thompson	Sylvia Weaver

In memory of:	**By:**
Anna Hurst	Sylvia Weaver

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Altar Flowers

The following dates are open for altar flower sponsorship in 2012:

SUNDAYS:

June 3, 10
July 29
August 5
September 2, 16, 23, 30
October 14, 28
November 11, 25
December 2, 9, 16

OTHER DAYS:

November 22—Thanksgiving

If you have contributed to this campaign thank you, and if you are able, please give an additional gift. This campaign is for improvements to the contemporary worship space, and the new sound system, lighting system and organ for the sanctuary.

If you have not contributed please do so.

$1,900,320	Expenses
$1,895,905	Receipts
$ 4,415	Balance *(Deficit)*

Recorded as of May 21, 2012

DEVOTIONS FOR JUNE

June 1	Psalm 72:12-19	Proverbs 1:8-19
June 2	Psalm 119:169-176	Proverbs 3:5-24
June 3	Psalm 8	Matthew 28:16-20
June 4	Psalm 118:22-29	Proverbs 4
June 5	Psalm 36:7-12	Proverbs 5:1-12
June 6	Psalm 77:1-15	Proverbs 8:1-21
June 7	Psalm 116:12-19	Proverbs 8:22-36
June 8	Psalm 34:12-22	Proverbs 9
June 9	Psalm 37:1-7	Proverbs 10:1-12
June 10	Psalm 53	Proverbs 12:1-16
June 11	Psalm 112	Acts 11:19-30
June 12	Psalm 68:32-35	Proverbs 13:1-25
June 13	Psalm 66: 1-7	Proverbs 14:3-7
June 14	Psalm 51:1-12	Proverbs 15:1-18
June 15	Psalm 147:1-11	Proverbs 16:1-24
June 16	Psalm 107:1-9	Proverbs 17:1-6
June 17	Psalm 86:8-13	Proverbs 20:5-25
June 18	Psalm 31:14-18	Proverbs 22:1-21
June 19	Psalm 45:6-12	Proverbs 22:22-23:12
June 20	Psalm 21	Proverbs 23:13-35
June 21	Psalm 22:22-27	Proverbs 24:1-18
June 22	Psalm 22:12-21	Proverbs 25
June 23	Psalm 139:14-18	Proverbs 27:1-24
June 24	Psalm 85:7-13	Luke 1:57-80
June 25	Psalm 1	Ephesians 2:1-10
June 26	Proverbs 28:18-26	Proverbs 28:26
June 27	Psalm 16	Proverbs 9:15-17
June 28	Psalm 85:7-13	Proverbs 30:1-28
June 29	Psalm 46	Matthew 16:13-19
June 30	Psalm 119:14-24	Proverbs 31:10-31

The Apostles

Find the name of all the apostles hidden in the puzzle below.

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    Q G T H A D D E U S D
  J A M E S A L P H E U S S
G M A T T H I A S T H O M A S
Y P I K J U D A S Q D P U F T
Z L G G               H Q X P
G T M Z               I K I W
G W M Q               L F G J
B T Q Y               I V L A
J U C B               P W K M
E S I M O N P E T E R V L S E
S P C D C Q T   A N D R E W S
V A U L V R       Y C V I V Z
I Q Q J V H Z   G T D A D G M
E X R W P F C   P R C Z I F A
E D I B A R T H O L O M E W T
M H G G               S I J T
E H W Y               I B O H
Q P N S               M V H E
P H H I               O T N W
Q I J W               N W B Y
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Andrew
Bartholomew
James
James Alpheus
John
Judas
Matthew
Matthias
Philip
Simon
Simon Peter
Thaddeus
Thomas

This includes the 12 original apostles and the one selected to take Judas' place.

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CHURCH
OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

8:00 TO 4:00 p.m.

Please call the church office...

- if you move to a new address or your telephone number changes.
- if you or a member of your family is admitted to the hospital so the pastors and parish nurse may schedule a hospital visit.
- when a member of your family leaves home for college.
- when your committee or group plans a meeting or an activity—the date MUST be cleared and the church calendar noted.

THE CHRIST CHURCH STAFF

In an EMERGENCY, the staff may be reached at their homes at the numbers listed below:

John R. Sabatelli, M.Div., D.D., Pastor	410-788-0829
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Elizabeth Carlstrom, Play Group Coordinator	

Support Staff:

- Kelly Sexton, Parish Administrator
- Vicki Lynn Baublitz, Administrative Assistant
- John Pecora, Staff Accountant
- Robert Brown, Sexton
- Andrew Miller, Jr., Sexton

INSTALLATION SERVICE

THE REVEREND JOHN R. SABATELLI
Pastor

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Charles and Hill Streets
Baltimore, Maryland 21230

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 24, 1983
4:00 P.M.

THE INSTALLATION OF THE REVEREND JOHN R. SABATELLI

PRELUDE: Concerto in C Major (Allegro-Largo-Allegro) ....Antonio Vivaldi

HYMN 131: "Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!" ....*Morgenlied*

GREETINGS, page 78

KYRIE, pages 78-79

THIS IS THE FEAST, pages 81-82

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. Inspire all pastors to proclaim your Word diligently and your people to receive it willingly, that finally we may receive the crown of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FIRST LESSON: Micah 6:6-8

PSALM 100, "All People That On Earth Do Dwell" ....Ralph Vaughan Williams

Congregation and Choir:

Verse 1. All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;
Come ye before him and rejoice.

Verse 2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make.
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

Choir: Verses 3 and 4

Congregation and Choir:

Verse 5. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heav'n and earth adore,
From us and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 1:3-11

VERSE, page 83

GOSPEL: John 1:1-5, 10-14, 16-18

HYMN 315: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" ....*Hyfrydol*

SERMON: "PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL" ....Pastor Alderfer

ANTHEM: "Veni Creator Spiritus" ....Sarum Plainsong, Mode VIII

1. Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost thy sev'n-fold gifts impart.

2. Thy blessed unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight.

3. Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of thy grace.
Keep far our foes; give peace at home;
Where thou art guide, no ill can come.

4. Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And thee, of both, to be but one;
That through the ages all along
Thy praise may be our endless song!

5. Praise to thine eternal merit,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend Eugene Alexander
Installing Minister
Dean of the Baltimore-South Quadrant
Pastor of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Glen Burnie

The Reverend Robert H. Mack
Liturgist
Associate Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church

The Reverend David L. Alderfer
Preacher
Member of the Department for Research and Studies
of the Division for Parish Services

Jane L. Sabatelli
Lector

Gloria Paar, Roger Eichelberger
Communion Assistants

William W. Wilkerson
Vice-President of the Church Council

Franklin R. Gadd
Secretary of the Church Council

Hazel Lemmon
President of the Lutheran Church Women

Ronald S. Thomas
Superintendent of the Sunday Church School

Dr. Paul Davis
Director of Music

The Christ Church Choir

James W. Wilmer
Master of Ceremonies

Immediately following the Service there will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall. During the reception you will have an opportunity to greet the Pastor, Jane, Elissa and Andrew.

We are happy that you have participated in this Installation Service; your presence adds to the joy of this occasion.

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Tours of the Christ Church Complex including the Church, the Deaton Medical Center and the Christ Church Harbor Apartments will be given at 2:30 and 6:00 p.m. The tours will begin in the Nave.

INSTALLATION OF THE REVEREND JOHN RAYMOND SABATELLI AS THE SIXTH PASTOR OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

ANTHEM: "Alleluia! We Sing With Joy" ....Jacob Handl

Alleluia! We sing with joy the song of life eternal! Alleluia!
Come, all ye sons of men and sing, Alleluia!
With Christ o'er sin and shame victorius! Alleluia!
Death hath no more dominion o'er us, Alleluia!

LET THE VINEYARDS, page 86

OFFERTORY PRAYER, page 87

GREAT THANKSGIVING, pages 88-91

COMMUNION—

HYMNS: 525, 549

ANTHEM: "In Thee Is Gladness" ....C. V. Stanford

In thee is gladness, amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart!
By thee are given the gifts of heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art!
Our souls thou wakest, our bonds thou breakest,
Who trusts thee surely, hath built securely, He stands forever: Hallelujah!
Our hearts are pining, to see thy shining,
Dying or living to thee are cleaving,
Nought can us sever. Hallelujah!

HYMNS: 409, 210, 135, 143, 145

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING, page 92

THANK THE LORD, pages 92-93

PRAYER, page 94

BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL, page 95

HYMN 170: "Crown Him With Many Crowns" ....*Diademata*

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The Reverend John Raymond Sabatelli, the sixth pastor of Christ Church, was born on March 26, 1946 in Brooklyn, New York. He attended New York City public schools and graduated from Queens College with honors in 1963 where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Confirmed at St. Luke, Woodhaven, New York on Pentecost, 1959, he attended the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, graduating in 1971. He interned at St. John's in Summit, New Jersey and served Christ Lutheran Church, Wantagh, New York as the associate pastor from 1971-1975. He came to Baltimore from Christ Lutheran Church, Islip Terrace, New York where he was pastor from 1975-1983. In addition to his pastoral responsibilities he was coordinator for Stewardship for the Metropolitan New York Synod.

He and his wife, Jane, were married in June 1972 and have two children, Elissa Marie and Andrew Christian.

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invite you to the

Installation of The Reverend John Raymond Sabatelli
as the Sixth Pastor of the Church,

the Fourth Sunday of Easter,
April 24, 1983 at 4:00 P.M.

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

Christ Lutheran Church

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 24, 1983
8:30 AND 11:00 A.M. — THE SERVICE

HYMNS ON THE CARILLON
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HYMN 543: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" .... *Lobe Den Herren*
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HYMN 518: "Beautiful Savior" .... *Schönster Herr Jesu*
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PRAYER OF THE DAY, see Celebrate
ANTHEM: "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" (Messiah) .... G. F. Handel
FIRST LESSON: Acts 13:15-16a, 26-33, see Celebrate
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HYMN 451: "The Lord's My Shepherd" .... *Brother James' Air*
NICENE CREED, page 84
OFFERTORY
ANTHEM: "Flocks in Pastures Green Abiding" .... J. S. Bach

Flocks in pastures green abiding
Safely with their Shepherd rest.
Cool'd by waters gently gliding,
Flocks in pastures green abiding
Safely with their Shepherd rest.
With the food of life He feeds them,
To the fold He gently leads them,
There to dwell forever blest.

CREATE IN ME, page 96
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, see Celebrate
BENEDICTION, page 95
HYMN 553: "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng!" .... *Marion*
POSTLUDE

*Latecomers may be seated here.

7:30 A.M. — BROADCAST OVER WRLX-FM, 106.5

9:45 A.M. — SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 A.M. — THE CHILDREN'S HOUR AND NURSERY

ACOLYTES

8:30 A.M.	11:00 A.M.
Scott Bosley	Brian Bolander (crucifer)
Laurie Jo Schneider	Kathy Ann Bolander

A HEARTY WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS IN OUR HOUSE OF WORSHIP

ALTAR FLOWERS

To the Glory of God and in memory of our parents and brothers by Misses Dorothy, Elsie and Frances Harvey.

BROADCAST SPONSOR

To the Glory of God and in memory of her husband, Charles Stephens, and her parents, Kathryn and Sydney Frank, by Mrs. Doris Stephens.

GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

is made of gifts as follows:

Christ Church Endowment Fund

In memory of Dr. Edward G. Goetz by his wife, Dorothy.

In grateful appreciation for the caring ministry of Pastor Sabatelli and Pastor Mack by the family of Margaret Wagner.

In memory of Margaret Wagner by Mrs. Ellen Dietz and Jim.

In memory of Margaret Wagner by Marie E. Black.

In memory of Edward F. Fritz by his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fritz.

In memory of Eleanor M. Riley by Miss Margaret Silberzahn, Miss Edna R. Carter, Mrs. John Knickman, Mr. Walter Schmidt and Miss Dorothy Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jewell, Donald and Masko St. Germain, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Zimmerman, Meals-on-Wheels, South Kitchen, Miss Mary Gessford and Mrs. Lazarus G. Azhderian.

John L. Deaton Medical Center

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur MacKenzie by his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Huber, Sr.

In memory of Edith Reinhardt by friends.

Organ Fund

In memory of Craig Harp by Miss Mary Gessford.

THE 43RD ANNUAL FATHER-SON BANQUET

sponsored by the Men's Bible Class will be held on Friday, April 29, at 6:30 P.M.

The ticket price is $2.00 and can be purchased from officers of the Men's Bible Class. Entertainment supplied by "The United Tae Kwon Do"—Korean Martial Arts.

MONDAY NIGHT COMMUNION SERVICES

will begin on May 2 at 7:00 P.M. in the Chapel. The service will include the same hymns, lessons and sermon as the preceding Sunday. An informal fellowship hour will follow. If you are away on weekends or work on Sunday plan to be with us on Monday.

LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

Monday, May 2, 7:30 P.M.

Esther Group Meeting

Topic: "Communication with God"

Leaders: Mrs. Dorothy Wilkerson
and Mrs. Virginia Leonard

All women of the church are cordially invited to attend.

MISSING

A tan coat size 10 or 12 was taken by mistake from the LCW meeting held on April 4. The coat belongs to Margaret Polk and should be returned to the church office. Left is a short tan jacket size 9-10.

THE MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET,

sponsored by the Lutheran Church Women, will be held on Wednesday evening, May 11, 6:30 P.M.

A very special program has been planned for all ages.

Adult tickets, $4.00; children under 12, $2.50.

You can purchase your ticket in the foyer of the Parish House on Sunday, May 1 or May 8. All reservations must be honored after Sunday, May 8.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL

will meet on Friday evening, May 6 at 7:30 P.M. All members of the Church Council are urged to attend.

THIS WEEK'S VISITOR

is sponsored in honor of Miss C. Myrtle Jaeger
and Mrs. June M. Raith by a friend.

A SINCERE INVITATION TO UNITE WITH US IF WITHOUT A CHURCH HOME

Mrs. June M. Raith &
Miss C. Myrtle Jaeger
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RELAX

When I feel tense for any reason, I take a few moments to relax physically and mentally. I remember that God is taking care of me and all my affairs. I let go the belief that persons and conditions can make me tense. My growing sense of trust in God's presence and power ever with me replaces tension-producing thoughts and feelings.

I release from my mind any thought that takes away peace of mind. As I release tension-producing thoughts and feelings, nerves and muscles relax. I feel at peace and at ease in mind and body.

Anxiety about responsibilities leaves me. I know that God will see me through. Trusting in God's guidance in all things, I feel at peace with myself and my world. Confidently I place all that concerns me in God's care and abide in the calm, steady assurance that comes as a result of my faith and trust.

—Selected

PRAYER

Dear God, the little plans I tried to carry through have failed.
I will not sorrow.
I'll pause a little while, Dear God,
And try, again, tomorrow.

—Selected

SERVICE OF

Intercessory Prayer and Spiritual Healing on Tuesdays at 11:00 A.M. in the Chapel.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, April 24
John 4:1-15
Psalm 143

Monday, April 25
Matthew 6:25-34
Psalm 91

Tuesday, April 26
John 14:16-26
Psalm 9

Wednesday, April 27
Ephesians 2:14-22
Psalm 133

Thursday, April 28
Nehemiah 8:9-12
Psalm 136

Friday, April 29
I Corinthians 12:3-11
Psalm 127

Saturday, April 30
Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 69

THE AUXILIARY

of The John L. Deaton Medical Center will be holding its annual bazaar on Saturday, June 25 and Sunday, June 26. Donations will be appreciated for the following flea market items: plants, cakes and other goodies, handmade items, jewelry, and books. Donations may be brought to the church, and they will be picked up by someone from the Recreation Department, or taken to the Recreational Activities Room at John L. Deaton or you may call Ginny Wolf (547-8500, ext. 242) for pickup.

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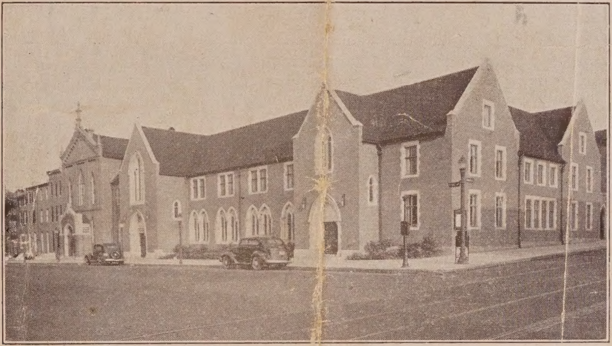

THE CHURCH YOU CAN'T FORGET

"Before I was born my Church gave to my parents ideas of life and love that made my home a place of strength and beauty.

In helpless infancy my Church joined my parents in consecrating me to Christ and in baptizing me in His name.

My Church enriched my childhood with romance and religion and the lessons of life that have been woven into the texture of my soul.

In the stress and storm of adolescence my Church heard the surge of my soul and guided my footsteps by lifting my eyes toward the stars.

When first my heart knew the strange awakenings of love, my Church taught me to chasten and spiritualize my affections; She sanctified my marriage and blessed my home.

When my heart was seamed with sorrow, and I thought the sun could never shine again, my Church drew me to the Friend of all the Weary and whispered to me the hope of another morning, eternal and tearless.

When my steps have slipped and I have known the bitterness of sin, my Church has believed in me and wooingly She has called me back to live within the heights of myself.

Now have come the children dearer to me than life itself and my Church is helping me to train them for all joyous and clean and Christly living.

My Church calls me to Her heart. She asks my service and my loyalty. She has a right to ask it! I will help her to do for others what She has done for me. In this place in which I live, I will help Her keep aflame and aloft the torch of a living faith."

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

THE BIBLE SCHOOL - 9:45 A. M.
THE MORNING WORSHIP - 11 A. M.

Organ Prelude—"Air" .... Handel
"Allegro Vivace" .... Handel
Processional Hymn 197—"Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken"
Introit, Collect, Lessons—Page 53
The Prayer
Offertory Anthem—"Prepare Ye The Way Of The Lord" .... Garrett

> The voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, Make straight in the desert a highway for our God; Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill made low: The crooked shall be made straight and the rough places plain: And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it: All flesh is grass and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower that is in the field. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: But the Word of our God shall stand forever.

Hymn 199—"I Love Thy Zion, Lord"
Anniversary Address .... Dr. Zimmerman
Hymn—"O Happy Day"

Oh, happy day that fixed my choice
On Thee, my Saviour and my God!
Well may this growing heart rejoice,
And tell its rapture all abroad.

Oh, happy bond that seals my vows
To Him who merits all my love!
I'll praise Him in His sacred House,
And gladly to His altar move.

Anniversary Address .... Dr. Deaton
The Doxology
The Benediction
Recessional Hymn 202—"Rise, Ye Children Of Salvation"
Postlude—"Postludium" .... Merkel

BROADCAST WCBM - 1400 Kc.

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CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE - 7:45 P. M.

Organ Prelude—"Un Dulcit Jubilo" .... Ancient Carol
Chorale Prelude on "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear" .... Schmutz
"Adoration" .... Borowski
Processional Hymn 42—"Hail To The Lord's Anointed"
The Versicle—Page 40; Psalm 98— Page 188
"Under The Stars" .... Traditional
The Chapel Choir
Hymn 31—"O Little Town Of Bethlehem"
"O Holy Night" .... Adams
The Girls Choir
Meditation—"Joyful Anticipation" .... Pastor Deaton
"Lo, How A Rose" .... Ancient German Carol arr. by Praetorious
"Shepherd's Christmas Song" .... Austrian Folksong arr. by Dickinson
"O Nightingale Awake" .... Swiss Folksong arr. by Dickinson
The Senior Choir
Offertory—"The Virgin by the Manger" .... Cesar Franck
Dorothy Dittmar, Thelma Viol
"Joyous Christmas Song" .... Norwegian Carol arr. by Margrethe Hokanson
"The Shepherds and the Inn" .... Mexican Carol arr. by Harvey Gaul
"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" .... Walter Wild
The Senior Choir
The Benediction
Recessional Hymn 38—"As With Gladness Man Of Old"
Postlude—"March of the Magi" .... Dubois

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THE FLOWERS on the Altar have been presented in loving memory of Mr. John Anderson by his wife and son.

THE CHRISTMAS SERVICE will be held on next Sunday, December 24, at 11 P. M. The Bible School will present a Christmas Pageant at 9:30 A. M. Christmas candy will be distributed to all members present.

OUR SINCERE THANKS are extended to Miss Viol, Director, Miss Moyer, Organist, and to all members of our choirs who are taking part in our Christmas Musical Service this evening. An attractive folder containing the words of all musical numbers has been printed to enable you to participate fully in this service. Your presence and that of your friends will be the best evidence of your appreciation. We believe that you will have a more blessed Christmas if you attend this service. Please note that the hour is 7:45.

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THE FRIENDSHIP CHAPTER, Order of the Eastern Star, will be our special guests at our service of worship this evening. A number of our members belong to this organization and Mr. Gerhard L. Stein of our church is the patron. We extend a most cordial welcome to all members of this organization and their friends.

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SUNDAY EVENING AT SEVEN

Children's Hour—A Christmas Party will provide the program for this Junior group of boys and girls.

Intermediate League—Topic, "Christmas Carols." Leader, Henrietta Buehner.

Senior League—Topic, "The Spirit of Christmas." Leader, Charlotte Kurtz.

Young People's League — Topic, "Christmas In The Americas." Leader, Gloria Congleton.

Adults—Topic, "Philemon." Devotional Leader, Mrs. Paul I. Folkemer; Speaker, Edgar Koehnlein.

An informal friendly hour of Christian fellowship. Come and share in it tonight.

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CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH
11 A. M.

Prelude ....Sister Vernetta
Hymns 1, 240.
Scripture Lesson—Psalm 91: 1-6.
Sermon—"SHADOWS" ....Pastor Singer

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THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY is arranging a Christmas Party to be held at the Greisenheim, 22 Athol Avenue, on Monday, December 18, at 7:30 P. M. A group of Juniors under the leadership of Miss Anna Bensen and Miss Anna Walther and the Girls Choral Group, directed by Miss Mary Moyer, will participate. Refreshments will be served by the Society.

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CHURCH YEAR CALENDARS are on sale in the Church Office, or can be obtained from Luther Leaguers. A limited supply is available, so we recommend that you supply your needs as soon as possible.

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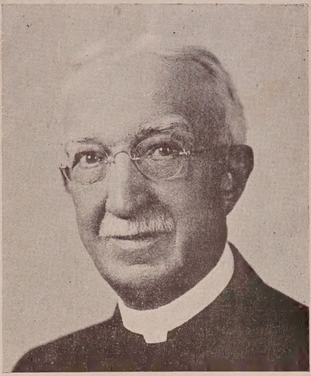
OUR THANK OFFERING has now reached a total of $6040.52. That breaks all records. We are deeply grateful for this expression of your generous spirit. If you have not had a part in it, it is not too late to do so.



ANOTHER HAPPY ANNIVERSARY is here! We thank God for the privilege of celebrating this our Fifth-Seventh Church Birthday. Our joy is all the greater because of the presence of the one, who above all other humans, has made Christ Church what it is today. What a benediction the life and ministry of Dr. Zimmerman are to this church and to so many thousands of others! The above picture was taken on his 84th birthday last August in Atlantic City. His health and strength raise high our hope that he will be with us for many additional Anniversaries.

We are also deeply grateful that a number of charter members are still with us. We shall honor them at our service this morning. May every member of Christ Church be present.

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AT CHRISTMAS TIME we think particularly of our children and their happiness. Sometimes we sacrifice materially; always we spend much time and thought on how we can bring joy to their hearts. Christmas gifts, however, only bring a temporary happiness. Sometime they are worn out, put aside, and forgotten. We ought to do this at Christmas, but we also ought to be concerned with giving them that which will give satisfaction all their lives—Christian training. Our Bible School offers this every Sunday morning. Please do not let personal comfort and convenience interfere with giving your children this best gift. Bring them regularly and join the class provided for you in our Bible School.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY, December 19, 8 P. M. Members of the Ladies' Bible Class are urged to lay aside the worries and fears of the day to make room for the Christmas spirit of peace and joy. A special feature of the evening will be piano selections by Miss Ethel Keller of the Peabody Institute. Don't miss this hour of inspiration and fellowship.

MR. & MRS. HERMAN MEYERS

1230 RIVERSIDE AVE.

BALTIMORE, MD. 30

CAN THERE BE Christmas among us now? Why not? . . . There are those who are still kind in spite of cruelties, who love in spite of hatefulness, who help at the risk of great danger. There are those who are returning good for evil, who are forgiving the unforgivable, who are speaking kindly in response to bitter words. There are those who are feeding the hungry, binding the wounds of the suffering, comforting the stricken. There are those who are bearing up bravely and beautifully in the midst of dark and desperate days, who have not lost the warm glow of goodness or the bright radiance of faith.

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WHY BELONG TO CHURCH

1. I ought to belong to the church because I ought to be better than I am. Henry Ward Beecher once said, "The church is not a gallery for the exhibition of eminent Christians, but a school for the education of imperfect ones."

2. I ought to belong to the church because of what I can give to it and do through it, as well as because of what I may get out of it. The church is not a dormitory for sleepers; it is an institution of workers. It is not a rest-camp; it is a front-line trench.

3. I ought to belong to the church because every man ought to pay his debts and do his share towards discharging the obligation of society. The church has not only been the bearer of good news of personal salvation; it has been and it is the supreme uplifting and conserving agency without which "civllization would lapse into barbarism and press its way to perdition."

4. I ought to belong to the church because of memories—memories of things I can never forget, memories of faces that will never fade, memories of vows that are the glory of youth.

5. I ought to belong to the church because of hope—hope that lives when promises are dead, hope that paves the way for progress, hope that visions peace and social justice, hope for time and hope for eternity—the great hope that casts its anchor behind Jesus Christ.

6. I ought to belong to the church because of the strong men in it who need re-enforcing, the weak men in it who need encouraging, the rascals in it who need rebuking. If I say that I am not good enough, my humility recommends me. If I sit in the seat of the scornful, my inactivity condemns me.

7. I ought to belong to the church, but not until I am ready to join a going concern, not until I am willing to become an active partner with Jesus Christ.

—**Daniel Poling.**

THE SELECTIONS for the daily Nationwide Bible Reading are as follows for the ensuing week:

Saturday	John 17
Sunday, December 17	Isaiah 53
Monday	I Corinthians 15
Tuesday	John 10
Wednesday	Psalm 51
Thursday	Psalm 37
Friday	John 1
Saturday	Revelation 22

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WHY GO TO CHURCH?

You ask me why I go to church?
I give my mind a careful search.
Because I need to breathe the air
Where there's an atmosphere of prayer;
I need the hymns the churches sing—
They set my faith and hope a-wing;
They keep old truths in memory green,
Reveal the worth of things unseen.

Because my neighbor needs to go—
His faith in right is rather low.
He needs the church to hold him fast
To those great truths that always last;
And when he sees me on my way,
It draws him to the church to pray,
And both our hearts are lifted up
To heavenly places where we sup.

Because my boy is watching me
To note whatever he can see
That tells him what his father thinks,
And with eager soul he drinks,
The things I do in daily walk,
The things I say in daily talk;
If I with him the church will share,
My son will make his friendships there.

Because the church builds up the state,
Breaks down the barriers of hate,
And helps to spread unselfish life,
Allay all bickering and strife;
Sustains a wholesome public health,
And builds a righteous commonwealth—
A joyous place, in which we live
With all the blessings God can give.

—**Anon.**

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November 25, 2003

The Rev. John R. Sabatelli
Christ Lutheran Church
701 S. Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21230-3835

Dear Pastor Sabatelli and God's people at Christ Lutheran Church:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Recently I asked our Department for Research and Evaluation to identify congregations that have demonstrated exceptional leadership in the area of total benevolence giving. Total benevolence describes the dollars your congregation shares with your synod and the churchwide organization and others to strengthen and advance God's mission beyond your local setting.

In the year 2002, Christ Lutheran Church contributed $443,977 in total benevolence, ranking 8th out of 10,721 congregations in the ELCA! This is a profound witness to God's abundance that has been shared generously by you with God's people throughout this church and the world. By your example, you have lifted up for congregations throughout this church what it means to give proportionately, generously, and joyfully.

Those dollars you give also translate into a variety of ministries made possible by your support including:

- leadership training for more than 500 pastors, doctors, health workers, teachers and agricultural workers in Lutheran churches around the globe.

- Collaboration with synods across this church in starting new congregations across the country, more than half of which are in ethnic specific and multicultural contexts.

- The support of more than 300 ELCA missionaries who work around the world sharing Christ's love, serving their neighbors and discovering the rich gifts of our Christian brothers and sisters

- Support of this church's eight seminaries as they train and equip the pastors, associates in ministry, and diaconal ministers who will lead this church into the future.

Your congregation has been a beacon of light and hope at a time when the domestic economy and controversial issues could weaken support. I am deeply grateful for your strong stewardship and faithful witness. Please extend my thanks, and the thanks of this entire church, to all of our brothers and sisters at Christ Lutheran Church.

As I travel throughout the country and tell stories about the magnificent work of our church, I would love to be able to include stories of what your congregation is doing, and how your congregation has been blessed in your generous giving. Would you please send me a note or an email with some of your reflections describing why faithful stewardship has been such an important part of your congregation's history?

Thank you for all you do in ministry. I am grateful for the partnership we share in the mission to which God has called us. May you be blessed with continued vitality and generosity.

In God's grace,

Mark S. Hanson

Elizabeth Smith Lottich
511 Clear Ridge Road
Union Bridge, MD 21791

The Board of Directors
Susquehanna University
514 University Avenue
Selinsgrove, PA 17870
Attention: The Nominating Committee for Honorary Degrees

Dear Sirs:

I am pleased to submit for your consideration the name of The Reverend John R. Sabatelli, my pastor, for the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity to be awarded at the 2002 Commencement.

Presently the senior pastor at Christ Lutheran Church, 701 S. Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland, John Sabatelli is an outstanding pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). He is a native of Brooklyn, New York, and a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Queens College in 1967 and of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia in 1971. The Synod of New York ordained him the same year. He served as pastor of two suburban congregations on Long Island, New York, before accepting the call of Christ Church, Inner Harbor, Baltimore, Maryland, in 1983, an urban congregation of the Delaware-Maryland Synod at the same location since its founding in 1887.

Pastor Sabatelli is a visionary and focused leader who has lead his congregation to make significant strides in enhancing worship, implementing innovative social ministry, teaching, mentoring, and participating in community service.

Worship

Christ Church is the largest ELCA congregation in the center of a major city on the East Coast from Maine through the Carolinas. Attendance at weekly worship has grown from an average of 354 attending worship each week in 1982 to an average of 518 attending weekly in 2001, and this in a city whose population shrinks by about 15,000 persons a year.

Christ Church's mission statement's first priority is "to offer the best worship experience possible in keeping with the Lutheran tradition of Word and Sacrament." Pastor Sabatelli is an excellent preacher, delivering thoughtful sermons relevant to the Word and to the world. There are three services on Sunday (traditional, contemporary, and traditional varied), each with the finest, appropriate music. A Christian education hour provides a variety of learning opportunities for all ages, including forums and many classes for adults. Sunday School for children has grown significantly during Pastor Sabatelli's tenure at Christ Church from 15-20 students in kindergarten through grade 8 in the early 80s to over 160 children attending regularly in 2001.

Wednesdays at Christ Church have become an additional full day of worship, fellowship, and study, beginning at noon and continuing through the candlelight Evensong. Community employees, neighbors, and members all have available to them extensive worship opportunities to meet their individual needs. Through the Pastor's outreach, Christ Church has become a very inclusive congregation, with a growing percentage of African American families and refugees from other parts of the world. Worship and Christian education are regularly available to the hearing impaired.

Social Ministry

In addition to being the Senior Pastor, John Sabatelli directs several other service corporations located on the congregation's campus:

- Chairman of the Board, Deaton Hospital and Medical Center, 1983 to 1996, a 300 bed Specialty Hospital now owned by the University of Maryland Medical System
- Board Member, Deaton Hospital and Medical Center, 1996 to present
- Chairman of the Board, Christ Church Harbor Apartments, 288 units of senior citizen housing for those with limited income, 1983 to present
- Chairman of the Board, Light Street Garage, Inc., a for profit business serving the church and Baltimore Inner Harbor area

In these roles, Pastor Sabatelli is an administrator beyond compare, in effect directing three successful corporations. The staff of Christ Church, under his capable leadership, includes six full-time professionals and twelve part-time specialists, plus support staff.

John Sabatelli is President of the Christ Church Foundation that gave $1,000,000 in 1996-97 to the Gettysburg and Philadelphia Seminaries to fund the Christ Connection, a program for community-based theological education being conducted by the Philadelphia and Gettysburg Seminaries. Using computer networks and cutting-edge video technology, the seminaries are now able, because of this gift, to provide educational programs through interactive telecommunication to many locations. Pastor Sabatelli is Dean of the South Baltimore Conference and chair of the Foundation Board of Diakon, formerly the Tressler Lutheran Services Foundation.

While the beautiful architecture of Christ Church is well known, John Sabatelli directed recent extensive renovations and updating. More importantly, he inspired the congregation to come alive with service opportunities to meet the needs of all people. In the 90s, the Holy Spirit led Christ Church to become a servant congregation, in no small degree as a result of the Pastor's passionate leadership. The church's social ministry program began in 1988 with a soup kitchen serving as many as 350 poor and homeless persons, later became a shelter for homeless men, and is now the Christ Church Women's and Children's Homeless Shelter. It houses, year round, 40 women and children. Christ Church provides space in its undercroft, counseling, volunteer teachers, food providers, and friends to assist the population in lifting themselves out of homelessness. The

congregation has invested heavily in this ministry as well as in renovating and operating two transitional houses for families "on the way up."

Our hands-on, outreach ministry also includes a reading program at two elementary schools in the neighborhood, which has resulted in raising the reading levels of students dramatically; services to incarcerated parents; sponsorship of three refugee families; a clothing and household goods program for the needy; participation in the Lutheran Disaster Response team; and extensive involvement in an annual work-camp at distressed areas nationwide. Our social ministry budget alone in 2000 amounted to over $100,000. We support the Lutheran Seminary in Russia; St. Paul's Church in Bogotá, Columbia, working among the very poor; and the Roof over the Roofless project in South India, a housing program for the poor.

Teaching

John Sabatelli is a natural, outstanding teacher. He regularly teaches the adult forum in a dynamic fashion. Recently he taught at the Philadelphia Seminary. The Christian Education program at Christ Church is first class for all ages. There is an expanding outreach to young, single adults. Special emphasis is given to youth in learning, serving, and enjoying the faith. Our Pastor's goals include encouraging youth to enter the Christian ministry. In Baltimore and while serving in churches on Long Island, seven persons have been guided by his example and support to enter the active ministry. The congregation in Baltimore covers the tuition fees for all enrolling in seminary.

Community Service

Personal community service is important to Pastor Sabatelli. He has served on the Board of the Harbor Hospital and the Kernan Hospital in Baltimore and other civic agencies and ecumenical groups. His skill as a vice-pastor has aided a failing Lutheran congregation in our community to a renewed life. Under his guidance, Salem Lutheran Church, a neighboring congregation, was redeveloped, with average attendance rising from 25 to 90 per week and offerings tripled. He is currently mentoring a campus pastor and a newly ordained Baltimore pastor.

Pastor Sabatelli has participated on numerous boards and committees of the Delaware-Maryland Synod, including the Evangelism Commission and as chair of the Synod's Stewardship Commission for many years. During this time in the position, the pattern of giving has reversed. He has led conferences on stewardship for the national church (ELCA) in Florida, Texas, Michigan, and Pennsylvania. Over the years, he has been President of the Stewardship of Life Institute, Chair of the Larson Stewardship Council at Gettysburg Seminary, and a sought-after national speaker and conference leader.

Under Pastor Sabatelli's leadership, Christ Church campus has become an international center of Lutheranism. Two years ago, the headquarters of Lutheran World

Relief and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service moved their offices from New York City to the Lutheran Center at Christ Church. The Center also houses the Delaware-Maryland Synod of the ELCA.

As a proud supporter of Susquehanna University where I lived during my father's 30-year term as President, I sincerely hope that you will find it appropriate and deserving to honor Pastor Sabatelli with an honorary degree. For me and hundreds of others, he has been faithful pastor, caring counselor, inspiring educator, and Christian friend. More importantly, he is a teacher, preacher, and role model who inspires others to confess, worship, and act out their faith in Jesus Christ. Susquehanna would gain great respect and an important presence in the Baltimore area were you to accept my nomination. I would be eternally grateful.

Please contact me if I could provide additional information about Pastor Sabatelli's outstanding contributions to his church, city, and nation that would assist the committee make its selection.

I extend warm wishes for Susquehanna's continued service to the youth of our nation and a year of inspired leadership for your new president, Jay Lemmons.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Smith Lottich

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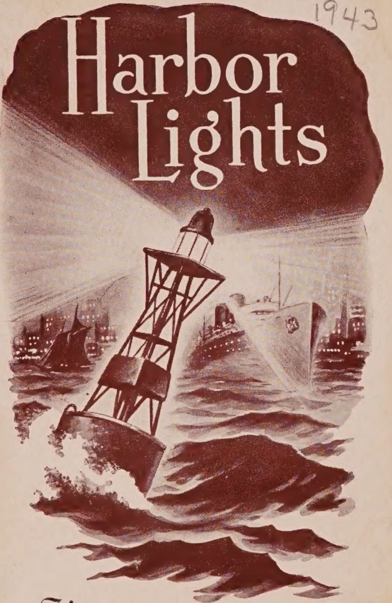

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Harbor Lights

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Harbor lights both great and small
  To attention sailors call,
Helping them the port to reach
  Even in a silent speech.
Eyes with tears oft dimmed and blind
  Search in vain the way to find;
When the heart with grief's borne down
  Harbor bells seem not to sound.
Be a harbor-light ashore,
  Guiding pilgrims evermore;
What the lights for sailors do,
  That's a task God gives to you.

Remember those, O God, who have lost the way. Reach out Thy hand to lead and guide them. Awaken us to a sense of our duty to the needy. Show us where we, as Thy co-laborers, should be lights of Thine, to direct others to a safe landing in the Heavenly harbor. May we hasten to the rescue of those who need our help, and give us wisdom to follow Thee, in saving souls. Amen.

Our Ships Of Life

Our ships of life sail far away
And soon are out of sight,
Their cargo is our many deeds
Which we send day and night.
Our joys and hopes, our love and faith
Though oft storm-beat and torn,
Will in the end come back again,
Life has its Easter morn.

Others

When you do for others kindly
Without thought of recompense,
Then your God is working through you
His own blessings to dispense;
And those helped by your great kindness
Lift their voices oft afar,
Asking God to bless the giver,
Knowing not just who you are.

To bring to others, kind and friendly word,
Will prove a message their souls will have heard.

Touch our eyes and our hearts, Spirit of God, that we may in wisdom be considerate for the needs of others. Inspire us with the joy that comes from making others happy by our words and our kindly deeds, and cleanse our hearts from pride and envy. Amen.

L. M. Zimmerman

Meet With God In Your Soul-Room

MEET with God in your own soul-room,
And to Him unbosom all,
Tell Him tearfully repentant
Of your sins both great and small,
He is Father, full of mercy,
And your sins He'll wash away,
With an inward calm He'll bless you
As in penitence you pray.

Courage In Faith

WE faith and strength from courage gain
Mid trials or from beds of pain;
It helps to silence sighs of grief,
Brings to the mind a calm relief.
In lonely hours it hears God's Voice
And with new faith we can rejoice,
Have courage then in forlorned hour
Sustained by faith's own quick'ning power.

By grace through faith God doth us save
Through His Son Jesus, whom He gave.

Spirit of God, transform our lives that everything we do may be for the glory of God. Take from us all selfishness, that as humble servants of God, it may be our "meat and drink" to do His will and bring honor upon the faith we profess. Give us a challenging and conquering faith. Amen.

L. M. ZIMMERMAN

Things Do Work Out

THINGS may go wrong, but do not fear
Though hidden rocks and shoals seem near;
Perhaps you've tried to make things go
And why you've failed, you just don't know.
You stint no cost, you labor hard,
But niggard fate denies reward.
Hold firmly on, though dark the night,
The darkest part precedes the light.
When once the Rubicon is passed,
Success will then be yours at last;
Let faith and works kill palsied doubt,
Then in the end things do work out.

By faith we see rainbowed the clouds
Which faint-heart fear often enshrouds.

We rejoice, blessed Lord, to know that all things work together for good, if we trust and faint not. Fit us, we beseech Thee, for the needs of the day, enabling us the better to "run and not grow weary". May we not only put our trust in Thee, but also be willing to do our part in helping to work out our salvation. We pray for the people, the country, the government, that all may have the saving faith. Be Thou our refuge and saving hope through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

L. M. ZIMMERMAN

'Do Justly And Love Mercy'

'To do justly and love mercy
As with God we humbly walk',
Is a Trinity of Graces
About which we more should talk,
Peace is richer far than hatred,
Justice gives to men good wills,
Mercy binds men's hearts together,
And in us God peace instills.

More Knowledge Of God Needed

In our schools of varied learning
Faith is oft undermined,
Scarce a wonder that with many
There's no God in the mind.
Less of science for destruction,
More of God-righteousness,
Would have left this world far better—
Less of grief and distress.

The more of God we learn to know,
The better seed we'll have to sow.

Lord God, in our getting of knowledge, may we more and more get of that wisdom which cometh down from above and which maketh wise unto salvation. Teach us to do justly, love mercy and to walk humbly with our God. Amen.

L. M. Zimmerman

God Is Father Of His Children

God is Father of His children,
The same God for one and all,
In His home that is called Heaven
There's no high dividing wall.
Let us then live as God's children,
No one church does them all hold,
The Great Shepherd claimed of having,
"Other sheep not of this fold."

Letting Go And Taking Hold

Letting go of wordly treasurers,
Taking hold of things which last,
Is the practice of the righteous
As their cares on God they cast.
Though they see through glasses darkly
Yet they know that God is there,
Keeping guard for their own welfare
Holding them in loving care.

God is subeme, always just,
That is why in Him we trust.

We thank Thee, O God, that we can call Thee Father. Help us to live as worthy children. As Jesus, the Great Shepherd, had but one fold, cleanse us from all hate and prejudice. May we dwell together as brethren in the spirit of unity and peace, all to the glory of God. Keep us, Lord, ever safely in Thy fold. Amen.

L. M. Zimmerman

Another Drink

TEMPTED for another drink,
Drifting nearer to the brink?
Show yourself to be a man,
Prove to others that you can.
Walk away from tempter's place,
Prayerfully your steps retrace,
Pray to God to change your taste,
See the folly of your waste.
Think of home and loved ones dear
How at times they do you fear,
Yes, you can a vow fulfill,
By God's power through your will.

There is a sovereignty of God
And a free will of man.

We beseech Thee, O God, to open the eyes of those who, in their weakness, are destroying not only their own happiness and lives, but are also breaking the hearts of loved ones. Grant unto them the strength, determination and courage, to live as persons once made in the likeness of God. In Thy mercy, restore them to the joys of a new life as it is in Christ Jesus. We thank Thee for our liberty. May we use it in seeking to know and do Thy will. Amen.

L. M. ZIMMERMAN

Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP means more than money
That to God we daily owe,
Our own bodies are but loaned us,
That in grace we daily grow.
Day by day in all our doings,
Our own record God doth keep,
At the final day of Judgment,
What we've sown we each shall reap.

The Golden Rule

WHATSOE'ER you wish from others
Do ye even so to them;
This the law and this the prophets—
Even in Jerusalem.
Here's religion pure and simple—
Test it out where e'er you go,
Bring your gift of love to others,
From your deeds will blessings flow.

The more of God to men we bring
The less reproaches we will fling.

Blessed Master, Thou who didst give Thine all, even Thy life for us, awaken us to a sense of our debt of love to Thee. Give us the grace to be faithful stewards of Thine, that we may bring our gifts to Thee and to others as we may have the opportunity. Thou, O Lord, hast kept us alive for a purpose, may we never disappoint Thee. Amen.

L. M. ZIMMERMAN

"Sing Unto The Lord"

SING unto the Lord a song,
Show that you to Him belong,
Lamentations never win,
Keep a song therefore within.
Harps on willows hung up high
Only sadden passers by,
Sing to God a song of praise
As to Him your voices raise.
Tune our hearts, O God, to sing,
That to Thee we praises bring,
On the Rock-Christ build your hope,
Then with problems you can cope.

Our Blueprints

IN God's Book of Life are blueprints
Made for you and made for me;
They set forth His rad'ant goodness
Telling us like Christ to be.
Are we true to Christ, the pattern?
Do we daily sacrifice?
Do we fill life's highest purpose,
Bear the cross and pay the price?

Lord God, may we ever be ready to sing praises unto Thee, for Thy mercies are new unto us every morning and evening. Not unto us, but unto Thee, be all the praise and glory. Amen.

L. M. ZIMMERMAN

What Is A Christian Like?

A Christian's likened unto one
Whose work for God is never done,
Who speaks kind words to dry a tear
And whispers hope in saddened ear,
Who smooths another's thorny path
And shows good tact where there is wrath,
Who helps the one who's down and out
And spreads good cheer around, about,
Who gives a gift to ease some pain,
And serves unselfish, not for gain,
A Christian spends much time in prayer
And for God's Word has time to spare,
Has a pure heart in which Christ dwells,
A soul in which His guidance tells,
A conscious peace with God and man
Which helps to carry on God's plan.

Thou, great Teacher, who spake as never man spake, teach us that we may learn from Thee the marks of the Christian. Qualify us, we pray, that we may teach others of the joys of being a follower of Thine. Inspire us to bear within us the marks of true repentance and faith in Thee, as our Redeemer and Saviour from sin. By example and precept, may we show to the world we have learned from Jesus. Amen.

L. M. Zimmerman

Hearing — Doing

TO HEAR and do that which is good
Would bless if more but understood;
A hearing faith must also dare
In saving works as well as prayer;
It gives a substance to our hope
As with life's problems we must cope.
Good hearers must good works, then do,
Build on foundations that are true;
It's what of us God doth command
Lest we in vain should build on sand.

Acquiring Friendships

FRIENDSHIPS are not bought from giving,
Nor by clothes we chance to wear,
Friendship's price is far more precious,
It's the depth of soul we share.
Confidence we have in others,
Understanding, promptings deep,
These make friendships sweet forever
With heart-treasures which we keep.

Let Christ be your selected choice,
Then with your friends you can rejoice.

Inspire us O God, to be both faithful hearers and doers of Thy Word. Help us to show our friendship with Thee in the holy lives we live, that like Thee, we too may "be busy, going about doing good". Amen.

L. M. ZIMMERMAN

Wanted — More Men!

In the Church which Jesus founded
Chosen men stood by Him there,
Still more chosen men are needed
In our churches everywhere;
Men filled with the Holy Spirit,
Endued with pow'r from on high,
Faithful soldiers for God's Kingdom,
Who for God will testify.

Broadcasting

I heard someone broadcasting,
His words took hold of me,
He spoke as one in earnest,
Told of Eternity!
The man was not the magnet,
'Twas truths he did impart—
It was a Gospel message
That deeply touched my heart.
We're all at times broadcasting
In what we've done or said;
Through spoken words or written
The souls of men are fed.

Inspire us Spirit of God, to see the fields "white unto the harvest", that as volunteers, we may prove ourselves faithful laborers. Keep us faithful unto death, and then give unto us the crown of life. Amen.

L. M. Zimmerman

Not Farewell But Life

Jesus' farewell to disciples,
Was that comfort He might give.
Though He faced the cross of Calv'ry,
Death to Him was but to live.
When the tasks that God assigns us
Are completed here on earth,
We shall still continue serving
God, in life with its new birth.
From the root that seems unsightly,
Blooms again the fragrant rose,
From the grave where He was buried
Our dear Lord again arose.

Jesus who our sorrows shared,
Went ahead and Heaven prepared.

Impart to us, blessed Redeemer, a faith and confidence that will comfort us in times of greatest sorrow. Strengthen us, O Spirit of God, that we may not be discouraged or disheartened when sorely tried. With assured trust in Thee, may we know that as our day so shall our strength be. Keep us, O God, in Thy gracious keeping and guidance while here. When work is all done, may we still serve Thee in glory above, forever with the Lord. Amen.

L. M. ZIMMERMAN

How God Hears And Heals

THROUGH doctors, nurses, God has ways
Oft times of length'ning out our days,
But we have also much to do
Before the healings all are through.
The sick should be given good cheer
And not alarmed with doubts and fear,
It's peace of mind and peace of heart
That's needed from the very start.
Then, when we pray, "Thy will be done",
Our healings often are begun,
But patient we must also be
Before results we truly see.
Though cures at times meet with delay
God's blessings will more than repay,
Firm faith in God with fervent prayers
Reveals He's near and for us cares,
With comforting, sustaining grace,
In calmness we new strength embrace.
'Tis God who furnishes the power
That cheers us in the darkest hour.

Bless Thou, O God, the sick everywhere. Give them patience, endurance, courage and faith. Bless and direct the doctors and nurses that with understanding and sympathy, they may prove to be as Thy hands and heart, not to discipline but to help and heal where it is Thy will, and crown their labors with Thy glory. Amen.

L. M. ZIMMERMAN

Those Who Have Not Our Views

WHEN things are at the worst,
Then we should do our best,
Appreciate the good we see—
Be sure we stand the test.
We others more would love
If facts we always knew,
'Tis easy to condemn and hate
Those who have not our view.

A Sacred Shrine

THE church today must be kept pure
If by God's grace it may endure,
Must hunger for God-righteousness
And thirst for His own blessedness;
It's such as these whom God doth love,
For they are born of Him above,
A church where Christ, the Light, doth shine
Is to our souls a sacred shrine.

To God's great Church let us be true,
And there our holy vows renew.

Remind us, O God, of both our duty and need of worshipping Thee. May we glorify Thee in keeping holy that which Thou hast sanctified. When in Thy House at the Service of Worship, awaken us to a spirit of reverence, devotion and holiness. May we know, "Thou God seest us." Grant that the church be for us a scared shrine for the soul. Amen.

L. M. ZIMMERMAN

Nowhere To Go

MIGHTIER than all world-defenses
Is our God, who rules on high;
We should plan, prepare and purpose,
But on God we must rely.
When o'erwhelmed with the conviction
Of no place where else to go,
Lincoln, on his knees in pleading,
Unto God, poured out his woe.
Nations never can be stronger
Than the faith they have in God,
Courage then as Christian soldiers,
With God's peace let feet be shod.

All things contrary to God's love
Will meet with Judgment from above.

Lord God, when these hearts of ours are overwhelmed, inspire and lead us to the Rock that is higher than we, the Rock Christ Jesus, the firm and everlasting foundation. Although grief from pain, bereavement, loss of property or health or friends may beset us, teach us to remember that Thou dost still live and never will leave or forsake us. In Thee we trust, O God, with an ever fervent gratitude arising within our soul, with ever abiding peace. Amen.

L. M. ZIMMERMAN

Availing Prayers

THAT righteous prayer availeth much
God is His Word has told,
He's watching, guarding over us
And loves us as of old.
When doctors, nurses have done all
And even science fails,
Then Christ, the Great Physician heals
Through prayer that oft avails.

Observe

To observe, for self-improvement,
Lessons great we often learn;
Seeing the mistakes in others
Likely we our own will spurn.
What's to us the most appealing
In the people whom we know,
We should imitate in practice
That like them we too may grow.

Things which you dislike to see
That resolve you'll never be.

We rejoice Dear Lord, that Thou art the Great Physician, not only of our sins, but also of our physical and mental ills when all other remedies fail. Increase our faith that more and more we may experience the fact that Thou healest us of our infirmities and diseases when we have the faith. Amen.

L. M. ZIMMERMAN

Life's Sunrise

Let your life be e'er a sunrise,
Even when dark clouds hang low,
Let the Spirit of the Master
Shine through you where e'er you go,
Start each day with cheer and courage,
Give a smile, a friendly nod,
That the rays of your bright sunrise
May reflect the light of God.

Be A "Harbor Light" For Jesus

Be a "Harbor Light" for Jesus
To the shipwrecked passing by,
Pointing them to Christ the haven
That they God may glorify.
It may be an act of kindness,
Or a word that's sweet and true
But some day with God in glory
They will there remember you.

On foundations that remain
Build your hopes for future gain.

Blessed Jesus, Thou Light of the world, illumine us by Thy power, that we may bring light from Thee unto those in darkness and despair. May we be as the morning sunshine to those for whom the night has been long and dreary. With Thy light, O Christ, may we lighten them. Amen.

L. M. Zimmerman

Thank God For God

THANK God for God, our Father dear,
With Him none ever needs to fear,
He saves us in, not from, our grief,
His love keeps us from unbelief;
To us He gives our daily bread,
Our souls are with His graces fed,
To Him our songs, Oh let us raise
And give to God our constant praise.

Give God Your Heart

WHY tempt the Lord, thy God
By doing wrong?
Why harbor sins in heart
As pets so long?
Why do you life abuse
When you have no excuse?
What answer can you give?
Give God your heart.

Aloofness kills good will
The rift grows wider still.

We thank Thee Father, for the many manifestations of Thy loving goodness to us. Give us an earnest desire to obey Thy Word, and to serve Thee with a sacrificial service to Thy glory. Forgive us of all our sins and blot them out of the Book of Thy remembrance. Amen.

L. M. ZIMMERMAN

The Best Ahead

ALL the best is yet before you,
Richest values come at last,
For a season griefs may haunt you
In due time they'll all be pass'd.
Fill your soul then with sweet singing,
To God's hills lift up your eyes,
Smile at sorrows though you suffer,
'Twill be well beyond the skies.

Parents As God's Voice

LET parents speak as God's own voice
And help the youth make wiser choice;
Firm faith in God with daily prayers
Assures our youth God for them cares.
With such examples in all things
Time to the offspring blessing brings,
And children in such homes will be
What in them parents prayed to see.

Christ is always with you
And knows all that you do.

Grant unto the fathers and mothers, O God, abundantly of Thy grace, that they may not only bring honor upon themselves, but also upon their children. Help them to be firm with themselves that they may strengthen the faith of their offspring. Amen.

L. M. ZIMMERMAN

Companionship With God

COMPANIONSHIP with God
Is first approach of mind,
And then in fellowship with Him
Sweet friendship we do find.
Thus sharing in His grace
We're blessed with saving power,
We lean on Him, we rest in Him,
E'en in the darkest hour.

Adventure With God

IN adventure with his God
Abraham a strange way trod,
Forth he went with orders sealed,
Faith to him a mighty shield.
Ours is not to ask God why
Nor to wait for His reply;
Where He orders we're to go,
None His reason needs to know.

Faith trusts where we cannot see—
Is made strong on bended knee.

We praise Thee, O God, for in Thy presence is fulness of joy. When there is no other place to which we can go, teach us to know there is always a fellowship with Thee in which we renew our strength and find all things needful. To this end increase our faith that we may obey Thy orders, asking no questions. Amen.

L. M. ZIMMERMAN

We Need A Friend Like Jesus

We need a friend like Jesus
He helps to keep skies blue,
Though clouds may dim some friendships,
Jesus is always true.
We need a friend like Jesus,
Who from His childhood grew,
The Man of God to help us,
To fight life's battle through.

"Come Ye . . . Go Ye"

"Come ye, go ye", Christians—
Heed your blessed Lord,
"Come," receive the Gospel,
"Go," and spread the Word,
"Come," and claim His blessing,
"Go," and give again,
'Til the love that saves you
Now shall save all men.

Jesus passes no one by,
Hears the humblest, faintest cry.

Blessed Saviour, Friend of the friendless, may we cherish Thy friendship in living like Thee. And thou Spirit of God, breathe upon us of Thy sanctifying power until we are wholly Thine. Enable the people everywhere to see and believe they need Thee as their Saviour and Friend. Amen.

L. M. Zimmerman

God's Day Ends In Dawn

CREATION'S work began
at evening tide;
God's work goes on. O'er all
He doth preside.
Life's mysteries may oft
leave us in dark;
But faith helps us to press
on toward the mark.
E'en Christ had much of life's
darkness to share.
Let no one then 'mid grief
yield to despair.
Beneath the darkest clouds
of dread and fear
Always remember that
your God is near.
God says, Let there be light,
and night is gone;
Since the beginning, God's
day ends in dawn.

Thou Triune God, whatever may be our trial, give us the faith and courage, the strength and confidence, to be steadfast in the abiding realities of Thy grace and love. May we experience after the dark clouds of sorrow and affliction, the bright sunlight of Thy blessings and glory in the new dawn. We rejoice we are Thy children through creation, redemption and salvation. As such we know Thou wilt be our "refuge and strength" forever. Amen.

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"evangelism encounters"

Usually our "evangelism encounters" are accounts of how one of our members brought or encouraged someone else to become a member of Christ Church. This evangelism encounter is different. It tells how a whole congregation, our congregation, was instrumental in bringing a whole family to membership.

I could not begin to tell you this as eloquently as it was told to me. Here are Cecil Shifflett's own words:

> *"I was raised from childhood as a strict Pentecostal and I rebelled against the church and turned my back on worship as soon as I became an adult. I married and raised my family and had everything a person could want, yet I did not have the inner peace everyone searches for. Something was missing and I knew it was not attainable on my own.*
>
> *I was reading the Saturday paper and saw the ad for a Tuesday study group at Christ Church. Tuesday was convenient for me because I worked on Sundays. After several weeks, I attended a Tuesday morning study and was surprised at the warm welcome I received from everyone. The second week, I attended the service following the study and met another 30 or so members who also gave me a warm welcome, and I was invited to come every week. I enjoyed the study, the service, and the new friends, so I invited my family to join me. I learned that God is a God of love and I learned to make time for worship!*
>
> *The newspaper ad brought me to Christ Church, but the friendliness, the fellowship, and the overall atmosphere of God's love and presence convinced me to become a member. Several members of my family have become members and now three generations of my family attend Christ Church. I thank each of you for welcoming my family into your family at Christ Church."*

Now here are some other things that Cecil didn't tell you. (And don't tell him that I told you this!) He is bringing his family into Christ Church *gradually* because he enjoys the New Members' Luncheon so much and this way he can be invited each year! Don't worry, Cecil, when you run out of family members, we'll make you a shepherd every year!

And because Cecil believes that actions speak louder than words, he is serving on the Evangelism Committee in the hope that he can help make other new members and visitors feel welcomed and loved.

This is your "Evangelism Encounter," Christ Church! You opened your hearts and welcomed this family with warmth and love. You followed the command of our risen Savior to love one another.

Every Sunday there are people in our midst, maybe sitting next to you or in front of you, who may only need your smile or handshake to make them feel welcomed or loved. Reach out and touch a heart as you touched Cecil and his family.

Kathy Eltermann, Chairperson
Evangelism Committee

LIMITED ENGAGEMENT!

GUEST PREACHER

SUNDAY, MAY 8

THE REV. W. LEIGH BELL, the seventh member of Christ Church to be ordained, will be the fourth son of the congregation to preach during our centennial year.

Pastor Bell has served congregations in Hagerstown, MD (St. John's), Fredericksburg, VA (Christ), and York, PA (St. Matthew's). At St. Matthew's from 1959-1986, he was an associate with another son of our congregation, Pastor Gordon Folkemer. Pastor Bell is a graduate of Gettysburg College and Seminary and was ordained in 1944.

He and his wife, Marilee, married in 1942, have a daughter, Elise, who lives in York and a son, Steve, who lives in New Jersey. The Bells have four grandchildren. Pastor Bell's aunts, Misses Bertha and Edith Hoepner, are faithful members of Christ Church who have recently taken up residence at the National Lutheran Home.

Be with us on May 8 to welcome one of our own back home.

The Holy Trinity

The word faith has various meanings. For some, faith is assent to a body of doctrines of a given religion. For Christianity faith is not so much assent to doctrines as a relationship with God through Jesus.

First-century Christians were not always sure what they believed. They were positive in whom they believed. They knew that God was in the crucified and risen Christ reconciling the world to himself. It took centuries for the church to formalize doctrine, to understand in a rational, systematic way what was known in the heart.

Of all Christian doctrines, the most central is that of the Trinity. It is the litmus test of orthodox belief. Those religious groups that deny the unity of the Trinity, such as the Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormonism, are not Christian. They are polytheistic religions using Christian images and proclaiming that the Father and the Son are different gods.

The Christian church teaches that the one, eternal God makes himself known to us in three ways: as Creator (the Father), as Redeemer (the Son) and as Sanctifier/Comforter (the Holy Spirit). "One God in three Persons" was the classic formula. But language changes and what was meant to clarify at one point in history today muddies the water. Originally the word person (from the Latin persona) did not mean a fully independent individual but referred to the different parts or characters one actor could play and the various public roles adopted by an individual. Therefore the formula, "One God in three Persons," would today be better translated, "One God in three roles." I must caution you, however, that no human language, which by its nature is finite, can ever perfectly capture the essence of God.

Different Christian denominations have tended historically to stress one Person of the Trinity over the others. For instance, Presbyterians emphasize the Creator, Lutherans emphasize the Redeemer and Pentecostals emphasize the Sanctifier. As denominations and as individuals we do best when we keep all three roles of the one God before us.

We Lutherans frequently are guilty of forgetting in our preaching and teaching God the Holy Spirit, and yet without the Holy Spirit the Church is not possible. For the Holy Spirit is God present and active in the hearts and minds of all believers through God's Word and the Sacraments. In short, no Spirit, no faith in Christ; no faith in Christ, no hope of resurrection life.

Christ's promise to his followers was and is that he would not leave us comfortless, nor would he be remote and far removed once his earthly ministry was over, but that he would send the Spirit to be with us.

The three great works of the Spirit according to scripture are faith, hope and love. But we do not believe in faith in faith, or faith in self, or faith in the things of this world but faith in God, and not just any God but in the living God who has revealed himself definitively in his Son, Jesus. And we do not believe in hope in the things of this world, for anyone can have worldly hopes - to win the lottery, to discover a cure for cancer, to find the right mate - but hope in the promises of God and in his everlasting covenant with the people of the old and new Israel, the Jews and the Church. And love for the Christian is love of God, love of humanity, and love of self. It was St. Augustine who told us that the highest form of human love was to grow to the point where you loved the neighbor and yourself for God's sake. Pause and think about what that means in terms of actions, thoughts, and feelings. It is a profound statement worth contemplating.

And so we join our prayers with those of the whole church of God and sing and say, "Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, enlighten us with thy celestial fire." In other words, help us to be the Christians, the persons, the children of God, we ought to be.

In the Name of God, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

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STEWARDSHIP

It was on Easter Sunday in 1937 that I first attended Christ English Lutheran Church and sat in the balcony of the old church, where, if I may say so, romance blossomed! Billy Frank was always there to greet me on arrival and I felt wanted.

I enlisted in the army in 1941 and was sent overseas in 1942. At that time I resolved that if I were lucky enough to get home, the first thing I would do would be to join Christ Church. As luck would have it, I returned home in August 1943 to go to O.C.S. and called Dr. Deaton and inquired about what I had to do to become a member. He asked me a few questions about my beliefs and told me to come to church the next Sunday in full uniform to become a member. I went to Texas to O.C.S., came home on leave, and on December 7, 1943 I was married in the Children's Chapel to Carolyn Lackey, a lifelong member.

After World War II, I attended church occasionally. Stewardship was not an emphasis. I joined the Men's Bible Class and became president of the class at about the time termites were eating away at our old building. We needed a new building. Dr. Deaton inquired if I would like to become a member of the Church Council. I asked him what my duties would be and he replied, "All you have to do is to come to the Church Council meeting the first Friday of every month." At this time there were lively discussions about financing the new church. The banking community in Baltimore did not want to lend us money. A Building Committee was organized, and I was asked to serve with that group to canvass our members for pledges. Mr. Paul I. Folkemer obtained my pledge, and I participated along with a great group to go out into the community to ask our members to support the Building Fund. The rest is history. To my knowledge this was the only time that members were asked to pledge money to support our church.

I have served on the Church Council under four pastors, Dr. Deaton, Dr. Johnson, Dr. Folkemer and now Pastor Sabatelli. I am enthused about our congregation and happy to be part of what is happening here in 1988, our 100th anniversary year. The church is alive with new programs, new faces, and new proposals. Our Stewardship Committee Chairperson, Mr. John Folkemer (Paul's grandson) said it all in his recent letter to the congregation.

Now I would like to report the success of our stewardship mission. Only one week after the mailing of John's letter, the result is $26,000 in increased contribution support. Our Easter offering this year was the largest in the history of the church. The response to our proposal of increasing our support of the church by 1% of our income has helped us be a blessing to others. As our response Carolyn and I will increase our giving to the church by $700 this year.

Respectfully,

Donald J Jewell

Donald J. Jewell
Vice-president, Church Council
Chairman, Finance Committee

The Hungry and I

To allow the hungry to remain hungry would be blasphemy against God and one's neighbor, for what is nearest to God is precisely the need of one's neighbor. It is for the love of Christ, which belongs as much to the hungry as to myself, that I share my bread with them and that I share my dwelling with the homeless. If the hungry do not attain to faith, then the fault falls on those who refused them bread. To provide the hungry with bread is to prepare the way for the coming of grace.

Deitrich Bonhoeffer

Christ at Emmaus by Sadao Watanabe.

In recent months, your Social Ministry Committee has stepped up its communication with the Lutheran Office of Public Policy. The L.O.P.P. is the vital liaison between the church and the legislature and keeps us apprised of pending legislation in regard to matters of social concern, such as housing, hunger, public assistance, utility discounts, child care, etc.

As Christians, it is our responsibility to advocate on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves or do not have the political "clout" to get things accomplished: the poor and unemployed, the homeless, children and the elderly. We must make our voices heard on matters of justice and dignity for all persons!

We can help! How? Let's get involved! Watch the Sunday announcements, and check the bulletin board near the Charles Street parking lot entrance to the church. You will be kept up-to-date on what's going on in the legislature. Then write or visit your senator or represenative. Let them know how you feel, as caring Christians, about bills that have to do with social concerns. If you need help in identifying legislators or contacting them, talk with the Public Policy Coordinator of this congregation. Remember the words of our Lord, "I tell you, whenever you do this for one of the least important of these brothers of mine, you do it for me." Matthew 25:40

Herkie Baumann
Member, Social Ministry Committee
Public Policy Coordinator

ATTENTION WOMEN

Dear Friends:

We have just passed through the spiritual renewal of Lent and are in the midst of the joyful celebration of Easter. As Women of the ELCA let us rededicate ourselves to carrying out God's purposes through our organizational work. We need the participation of each and every member!

In March we had a special meeting to learn more about the changes that are taking place in the new women's organization since the merger. By the time you have received this newsletter, Vicar Amy Godshall will have led us in the discussion of the topic, "Women in Vocation: Making Choices in Daily Life." Thank you, Vicar Godshall, for being our leader.

On Monday, May 2nd at 7 p.m. we are looking forward to visiting Panama with Herb Wanner. Those of you who have been privileged to see Herb's slides before and hear his lectures know what a treat is in store for us!

Another special event to remember is our annual Mother-Daughter Banquet.

Date: Friday, May 20
Place: Fellowship Hall
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Tickets: $5.00 - Adults
$4.00 - Children (up to 12 years)

Come and join in the special fellowship that we always enjoy on this occasion! This year Pastor Sabatelli has kindly offered to be in charge of the food preparation and we thank him profusely!

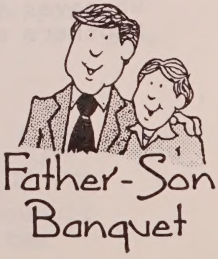
Last, but certainly not least, I would like to express my appreciation to all WELCA members who under the expert direction and leadership of Gertie Thomas, our 2nd vice-president, participated in making our Lenten suppers a success. Many thanks to Gertie and to all who so generously offered their help!

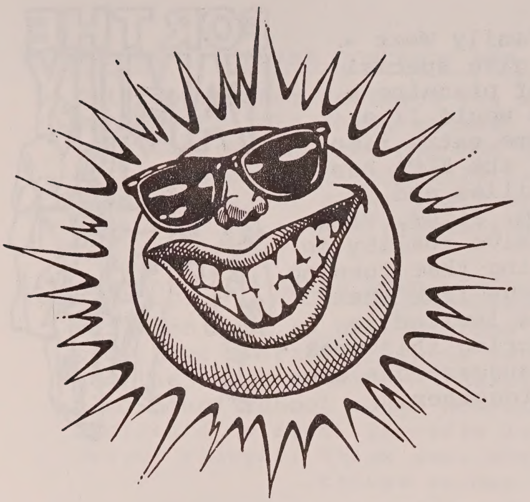
Members and friends, please make a special effort to join us on Monday, May 2nd.

Anne M. Jennings
President, Women of the ELCA

ATTENTION MEN

Date: Friday, May 6
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: Fellowship Hall
Tickets: $4.00





Coming Soon...

THE OFFICIAL SUMMER PROGRAM GUIDE
of Christ Lutheran Church

It promises to be
full of fun activities and
events for people of all
shapes, sizes, ages,
and tastes.

SO. . .
WATCH YOUR MAIL. . .
AND GET READY
FOR. . .

Sign Up Now!

P.S. One of our summer activities begins May 1st and we need you to sign up now! Sunday afternoons through June we will be participating in a softball league for people ages 13 and up. See Vicar Godshall for details.

The ELCA has designated May 1-7 as Family Week - a time in the life of the church to give special attention to family life. Instead of planning a special event around Family Week, we would like to encourage each family to spend some extra time together during the week. This year the ELCA has chosen for its theme, "Christian Families and Electronic Media." Television, radio, films, video, cassettes, and computers are a pervasive reality in contemporary life. While acknowledging that turning off these machines does not liberate us from their influence, your family is nonetheless invited to turn them off for a while each day during this week and share some time together. Some suggestions are listed below for ways to spend time together.

MONDAY - SHARE GOOD-TIMES STORIES

Ask all family members to tell about something that made them very happy. It could be an event, something another person said, or anything else that brought joy and laughter. Talk about what makes you happy.

Scripture to read: Psalm 68:3-4

Prayer thought: Thank you, God, for bringing joy into our lives, especially the joy of love.

TUESDAY - SHARE FAMILY NAMES

Ask younger family members to tell all the family names they can remember, then add others they may not know. Write the names on bits of construction paper and hang them on a branch to make a family tree. Talk about how all your lives connect.

Scripture to read: Matthew 1:1-17

Prayer thought: Thank you, God, for the family and ancestors of Jesus, and for our own family tree.

WEDNESDAY - SHARE A CREATIVE PROJECT

Work together to make something - baked goods, a meal, a craft, or whatever interests the family. Choose a project in which everyone can take part. As you work together, talk about the importance of sharing tasks and working together.

Scripture to read: Isaiah 45:18

Prayer thought: Thank you, God, for others to work with, to live with, and to love.

THURSDAY - SHARE FAMILY HEIRLOOMS

Show some family treasures and tell their stories. Discuss answers to these questions: "Who gave it to us?" Why was it important to him or her?" "Why is it so meaningful to our family?" If you have items to hand on as heirlooms to your children, talk about them at this time.

Scripture to read: Psalm 61:4-5

Prayer thought: Thank you, God, for things that remind us of our past and of our family.

FRIDAY - SHARE CONCERNS FOR GOD'S CREATION

Talk about what delights you most in God's creation. You might go outside to find the prettiest flower or the biggest tree. Plan ways your family can care for God's creation.

Scripture to read: Psalm 24:1-2

Prayer thought: Thank you, God, for a creation that feeds
and supports us.

SATURDAY - SHARE SCHOOL STORIES

Children like to hear stories about their parent's school life, and they have stories of their own to share. Talk about the good times and the tough times. It helps children to know that their parents also found school tough now and then.

Scripture to read: Proverbs 16:23

Prayer thought: Thank you, God, for our minds and for all new
things we can learn each day.

SUNDAY - SHARE FAVORITE BIBLE STORIES

Have everyone tell one or two of their favorite Bible stories, and why they like them. Talk about how these stories bring us into the family of faith. They are the stories of God's family, just as the stories shared this week belong to your family.

Scripture to read: Isaiah 55:10-11

Prayer thought: Thank you, God, for stories that give us faith
and hope, and remind us that we belong to the
whole family of God.

sunday school festivities

Two Sundays in May will provide opportunities for special celebrations by the Sunday School Association.

Join the fun!

MAY 15 is the Sunday after the Ascension and at 10:30 a.m. all classes will gather for a closing worship and balloon ascension.

The following week, MAY 22, is Pentecost Sunday. During the Sunday School hour, the Cherub and Youth Choirs will present "Francis: the Poor Little Man of God," the musical story of St. Francis of Assissi. Plan to be present that day at 9:45 a.m. for this wonderful presentation followed by a birthday party in the Fellowship Hall.

FLYP Happenings

(FELLOWSHIP of LUTHERAN YOUNG PEOPLE)

The big news and excitement is anticipating the trip to New York City at the end of the month. You will find details about that on another page. In order to participate in this adventure, each young person is required to help with at least three social ministry projects. To date, this has been a good experience for the group.

Other activities planned for the next few weeks:

SUNDAY, MAY 1 - South Urban Conference Meeting (12:30 to 4 p.m.)
The first meeting of the conference (hosted by our group) with election of officers. Elissa Sabatelli is running for conference president.

SATURDAY, MAY 14 - Ascension Preparation and Painting Day
(12 to 4 p.m. - wear grubbies)

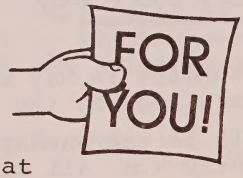
SUNDAY, MAY 22 - Sunday School Assembly (9:45 a.m.)
Musical Presentation by Children's Choirs

FRIDAY, MAY 27 to MONDAY, MAY 30 - New York City Trip!

As always, all young people and their friends in grades 7-12 are welcome to attend activities. Details are available from the FLYP officers:

Beth Barrett	255-4274
Elissa Sabatelli	788-0829
Holly Winters	744-6048
or Kim Bond	752-5428

Coming Soon...



SUNDAY, JUNE 5 - Children's Choir Production at National Lutheran Home

SATURDAY, JUNE 11 - Lutheran Brotherhood Picnic at Fort McHenry

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22 - National Lutheran Home Trip

SATURDAY, JUNE 25 - Strawberry Festival/Congregational Picnic

MAY 27 - 30

For Young People in FLYP (Fellowship of Lutheran Young People) which includes grades 7-12.

WHATADEALTHATYOUWON'TWANTTOMISS...SOREADTHISVERYCAREFULLY!

Several weeks ago the planning committee for FLYP decided that a trip to New York City was a project worth working on. The dates have been selected, the plans have been made, the drivers have a tank full of gas, and all we need is your registration and deposit for a weekend that can't be beat!

The cost for the weekend will be $40.00. That may seem like a lot of money, but consider what that includes:

- 3 nights and 3 days in New York City
- breakfast and dinner each day
- transportation
- subway fares
- admission fees where needed (like the World Trade Center, NBC Studios, Statue of Liberty, etc.)
- sleeping accomodations

The only other money you will need is to buy lunch each day at a McD's type place, offering for Sunday worship and any souvenir money you might like to take along.

We will be staying at a church in Brooklyn, so you'll need a sleeping bag, good clothes for worship on Sunday and good walking shoes for the rest of the time. Prior to leaving, a packing list will be sent your way, along with phone numbers and other specific information about the trip.

BUT, all you need to know at this point is that it's going to be a wonderful weekend, full of excitement and adventure. You must register by May 1 (that gives you a month) and to register you need to turn in the attached page with a $20.00 deposit. The rest of the money you can pay the weekend of the trip - that gives you time to save.

WHAT A GREAT DEAL!!!!!!!!!!

May 1, 1988

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

O God, the great Vine,
we are your branches;
abiding in you, we thrive.
We praise you for the life and strength you give.
Empower us by your Spirit
to love in deed and in truth,
and so to share our life
with all the poor and weak,
through Christ our Lord.
Amen

May 8, 1988

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

O loving God,
every day you love us again.
We see your love on this table,
and we praise your gifts that we may live.
Create us into loving people,
and make our love for those in need
reflect your love for us,
through Christ our Lord.
Amen

May 15, 1988

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

You love us, O God,
yet again today,
saving us in our Baptism,
feeding us at this table.
Blessed be our loving God now and forever!
Teach us now to love our neighbors,
that by serving the needy
we may show our love for you,
as did Christ our Lord.
Amen

May 22, 1988

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

O lively Spirit,
with this food you breathe life into our bones.
We rise to praise your mighty name.
Inspire us now to such a life
that we may share our goods
with all those who lie dying,
as did Christ our Lord.
Amen

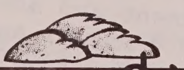
May 29, 1988

THE HOLY TRINITY

Commemoration of Jiri Tranovsky

We pray today a stanza written by
Jiri Tranovsky, hymnwriter

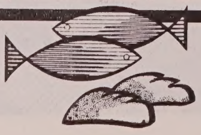
O lavish Giver, come to aid
The feeble child your grace has made.
Now make us grow and help us pray;
Bring joy and comfort; come to stay.
Amen



BLESSING & BESEECHING

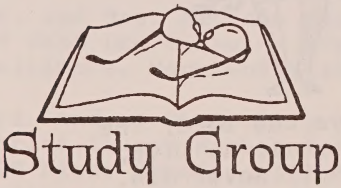
PRAYERS FOR FOOD AND HUNGER

Gail Ramshaw



FOUNDERS' DAY at the NATIONAL LUTHERAN HOME is Thursday, May 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Luncheon prices will be $5.00 for adults and $3.50 for children. A bus will leave the church at 9 a.m. and return by 4 p.m. If you are interested in bus transporation ($7.50 per person), contact Ida Samm (789-8436) or call the church office (752-7179, 752-5428).

The Deaton Hospital Auxiliary will hold its ANNUAL BAZAAR and FLEA MARKET on SATURDAY, JUNE 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donations are needed for the following: flea market items, plants, cakes, cookies, books, handmade items, clothing, crafts and jewelry. Pickups are available. Call Ginny Wolfe at 547-8500, ext. 242.



Thursday morning study continues on the second floor lobby at Christ Church Harbor Apartments from 10 to 11 a.m. The group is currently involved with Luther's Small Catechism. Feel free to come whenever you are able and continue your journey as a Christian growing in the faith.

centennial exhibit

Do you remember the weekly bulletins of earlier years? The Centennial Exhibit will feature some of the early ones during the month of May. Note the number of services and the programs and activities. Have you seen the Boy Scout flags and ribbons, now added to the exhibit?

Ruth Dunwoody and Eva Zumbrun

MINISTERIAL ACTS

March 1988

BAPTISMS

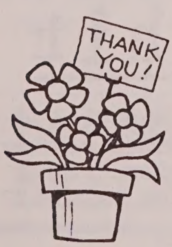
Ashley Rae Baugher
Loni JoAnne Cochran

"You are a child of God, sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever."

FUNERALS

Anthony Williams
John M. Mazepa
Carrie A. Schelhause
Mildred P. Ebner
Edith Marie Naumann
Alice Myrtle Stegman
Earl M. Norris
W. Edward Pfeifer

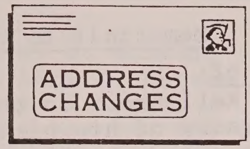
"I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; "he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."



I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the pastors, the vicar, the choir and all who helped to make the Lenten, Holy Week and Easter services so beautiful and meaningful. The music on Easter Sunday was especially beautiful and the choir deserves great praise.

Gertrude Hopkins

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE



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Queenstown, Maryland 21658

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Baltimore, Maryland 21207

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Queenstown, Maryland 21658

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Baltimore, Maryland 21227

Mr. and Mrs. William Hauser (Helen)
10 East Lee Street - #704S
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Mrs. Audrey Klauenberg
Christ Church Harbor Apartments
600 Light Street, #534
Baltimore, Maryland 21230

Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Schick (Margaret)
106 Quinn Road
Severna Park, Maryland 21146

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Ms. Linda Kroeger
Mr. Christopher Wright
Christopher H. K. Wright
5000 Tulip Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21227

Ms. Karen C. Hinson
817 South Sharp Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21230

Mrs. Pauline Parker
Christ Church Harbor Apartments
600 Light Street, #634
Baltimore, Maryland 21230

Mrs. Cecil Shifflett (Betty)
Wrights Mill Road
Woodstock, Maryland 21163

Dear Pastors and Congregation:

What a wonderful way to show your love for your fellow man. The generosity of $565 in cash plus the food drive. SOBER will certainly pass this on to those in need.

Sincerely,
Jaye Burtnick, Coordinator
South Baltimore Emergency Relief

MEMORIALS

Memorials to the Christ Church Endowment Fund

In memory of:	By:
Harold M. Kellenbenz on the anniversary of his birth	His wife and daughter
Earl M. Norris	Dorothy D. Norris
Earl M. Norris	Wayne C. Norris
Earl M. Norris	Emily N. Addison
Wilbur Houck	His family
Edward G. Goetz	His wife, Dorothy
Carrie Schelhause	Lena and James Nieberline
Earl M. Norris	Lillie and Vernon Mayer
Carlton T. Howard on the anniversary of his birth	Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Mathison
Ruth A. Folkemer	Fred and Elizabeth Walters
Ruth A. Folkemer	Iona and Norbert Wheeler
Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo L. Reinhardt	Their son, John D. Reinhardt, Sr.
His brother and sisters	John D. Reinhardt, Sr.
Katherine L. Frank on the anniversary of her birth and death	Mr. and Mrs. William M. Muhly
Elizabeth Fritz	Her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Fritz
John Suminski	Mr. and Mrs. Donald Greif
George N. Nizer on the anniversary of his death	His wife, Florence
Sophia Kehs	Her grandson, Donald Stull
Georgia Kehs	Her step-grandson, Donald Stull
Ruth Reuschling	Mr. and Mrs. Orin Jennings

A contribution was made to the Christ Church Endowment Fund by Mr. and Mrs. William Lemmon in appreciation to the pastors and for all the kindnesses shown to them by so many friends during the last several months.

Contributions were made to the Christ Church Endowment Fund by the following people in memory of Pearl M. Dashields:

Mr. and Mrs. Orin Jennings
Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Samm
Fidelis Bible Class
Donald and Kathryn Greif
Ida L. Clabaugh, her sister
Mrs. Margaret Antlitz
John and Erna Reinhardt
Dorothy E. Schmidt
Mrs. Edna Kraft
Ellsworth and Norma LaMar

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Mr. and Mrs. Donald Greif
Catherine Stoker
Florence Nizer
Mrs. Elizabeth McClerking
Edith and Ed Lloyd
Mrs. Eloise Milburn
Marilyn Glichman
Miss Dorothy Rauscher
Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Lewis

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Mrs. Bessie G. Hardy
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Captain Arthur J. Collinson
Dorothy Beall
Mrs. Charles H. DeVries
Mrs. Audrey Evans
Mrs. Mary Hammock
Mr. and Mrs. Donald S. Greif
Co-workers of Susan Love,
his granddaughter
Mr. and Mrs. Lazarus Azhderian
Dorothy E. Schmidt
Miss Anna E. Bensen
William G. Fritz
Monday Morning Tellers
Phyllis M. Reinhalter
Dr. Harry W. F. Dressel
Kathleen Mumford
Mr. and Mrs. William Lemmon
Mr. and Mrs. George Huber, Sr.
Koppers Retirees Association

Memorials to the Christ Church Centennial Fund

In memory of:	By:
Carrie A. Schelhause	Her daughter and son-in-law, Dolores and Ernest Cox
Carrie A. Schelhause	Mr. and Mrs. William Allen
Carrie A. Schelhause	Mr. and Mrs. Barry Allen and Kathy
Gertrude E. Belloff	Grace E. Hayne

A contribution was made to the Christ Church Centennial Fund in honor of John D. Reinhardt, Sr., on his birthday (April 2) by his daughter and son-in-law, Erna and Dan Ray, and his grandchildren.

Soup Kitchen Sponsors

William Johnson
Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Reiner
Elizabeth Lottich in memory of William J. Wagener

Memorials to the Christ Church Organ Fund

In memory of:	By:
T. Benjamin Weston on the anniversary of his birth	His wife, Mary
Dr. Eugene R. Evans	Melva G. Kellenbenz
Walter J. Kehs	His grandson, Donald Stull
Warren Kehs	His nephew, Donald Stull
Pearl M. Dashields	Sylvia Weaver
Mr. and Mrs. George Kemmeter	Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Dorsch
Mr. and Mrs. James McCallister, Jr.	Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Dorsch
Minnie Deems on Mother's Day and the anniversary of her death	Her daughter, Audrey Johnson

daily bible readings

Sunday, May 1
Matthew 17:1-5
Psalm 85

Monday, May 2
Matthew 6:25-34
Psalm 57

Tuesday, May 3
I Samuel 17:31-50
Psalm 44

Wednesday, May 4
Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 4

Thursday, May 5
Isaiah 40:27-31
Psalm 69

Friday, May 6
Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 104

Saturday, May 7
Luke 5:17-26
Psalm 6

Sunday, May 8
II Timothy 1:8-14
Psalm 119:169-176

Monday, May 9
Ephesians 1:11-14
Psalm 33

Tuesday, May 10
II Kings 18:1-8
Psalm 19

Wednesday, May 11
Isaiah 41:8-13
Psalm 99

Thursday, May 12
Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 110

Friday, May 13
Romans 8:31-39
Psalm 77

Saturday, May 14
Judges 6:11-24
Psalm 13

Sunday, May 15
Colossians 3:16-21
Psalm 24

Monday, May 16
II Kings 6:8-17
Psalm 67

Tuesday, May 17
John 3:25-30
Psalm 116

Wednesday, May 18
Ephesians 4:11-16
Psalm 119:97-104

Thursday, May 19
Luke 22:31-34
Psalm 118

Friday, May 20
Matthew 7:7-12
Psalm 64

Saturday, May 21
II Corinthians 1:3-7
Psalm 86

Sunday, May 22
Acts 2:1-13
Psalm 143

Monday, May 23
John 14:1-7
Psalm 140

Tuesday, May 24
Hebrews 10:19-25
Psalm 62

Wednesday, May 25
I Kings 18:20-40
Psalm 132

Thursday, May 26
John 15:12-17
Psalm 138

Friday, May 27
Mark 5:14-20
Psalm 40

Saturday, May 28
Luke 9:28-36
Psalm 28

Sunday, May 29
Matthew 3:13-17
Psalm 102

Monday, May 30
I Chronicles 16:23-36
Psalm 105

Tuesday, May 31
Acts 9:1-22
Psalm 56

MAY

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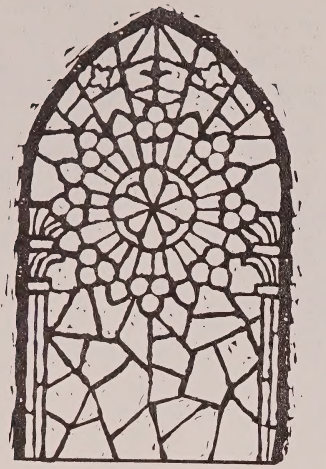
12 The Ascension of Our Lord
22 The Day of Pentecost
29 The Holy Trinity



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Amy J. Godshall, Vicar
Kimerly S. Bond, Program Director
Paul Davis, Director of Music

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Monday through Friday
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Nancy J. Charitonuk, Secretary
Roberta P. Yost, Assistant Secretary

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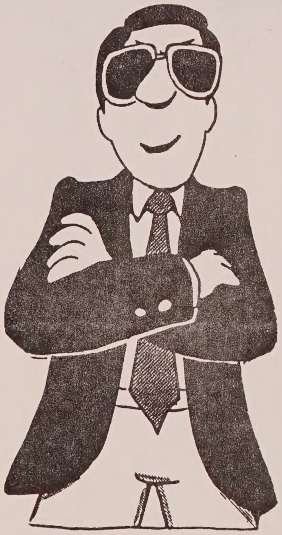

Don't Look At The World Through Rose-Colored Glasses

Any child can get into trouble with alcohol and other drugs — even yours.

Every child is vulnerable to alcohol and other drugs. Aid Association for Lutherans Branch 174 can help you learn how to communicate effectively with your children about this important issue. All parents are invited to attend a "Get Involved Before Your Kids Do" workshop on SUNDAY, MAY 15 at 2:30 p.m. at Martini Lutheran Church, Hanover and Henrietta Streets. The program teaches skills you can use at home to help you stay in touch with your children.

For more information and also to reserve your packet for the workshop please call Margaret Krantz at 752-7817 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or Jeanette Suchko at 574-1776. Call soon to make your reservation because the workshop is limited to the first 50 responses.

MAY 1988

Compliments of Your District Representative Aid Association for Lutherans Appleton, Wisconsin 54919

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 5th Sunday of Easter St. Philip and St. James, Apostles 8:30 am - Holy Communion 9:45 am - Sunday Church School 11:00 am - The Service 1:00 pm - South Urban Youth Conference	2 7:00 pm Women of the ELCA	3 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Healing Service	4 6:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal 8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	5 10:00 am Bible Study at CCHA	6 6:30 pm Father-Son Banquet 7:00 pm Single Adults at Pastor Mack's	7
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29 The Holy Trinity 1st Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am - Holy Communion 9:45 am - Sunday Church School 11:00 am - The Service Hymn Festival	30 Memorial Day Office Closed	31 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Healing Service	Nursery and Child Care every Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Free parking for church services in our underground garage (enter on Lee Street) until 2 pm.			

CHRIST CHURCH HARBOR LIGHTS

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Saluting Older Adults

The Adult Forum has just completed a series on aging. In America, old age is seen as a disease, a problem. In the Orient, increasing years are accompanied by increasing respect.

Older adults have played, and are playing, important roles in God's plan for His creation. Look at Abraham and Sarah, the parents of the people of faith. God used them in their 90's (Genesis 17, 18) in some amazing ways. Moses and Aaron served God by being the political and religious leaders of Israel for many decades past their 65th birthdays.

Though Elizabeth and Zechariah were old, they were parents of John the Baptist, who was the forerunner and announcer of Christ. And it was aged Simeon who first recognized the infant Jesus to be the Messiah long-awaited by the Jewish people.

These senior citizens acted in new and positive ways when confronted by God in the later years of life. God continues to call all his people to service today - the young and the old. Regardless of age or circumstance, God uses the special gifts of His people to bring about needed changes in this world.

Christians are called to be agents of reconciliation in a world where relationships are torn asunder. This month we salute those people 65 years of age plus who take seriously the privilege and responsibility of serving God by serving the neighbor. Christ Church is blessed with many such wonderful members who have given of themselves decade after decade.

Thank you for being you!

In Christ,

John R. Sabatelli

John R. Sabatelli
Pastor

Financially Speaking...

I think all will agree with me that in our centennial year Christ Church is very active and growing. The church is expanding its programs so that all facets of the congregation is served. We continue to be a leader not only in the Synod but also in the community.

However, at the end of 1987, in spite of our growth and activity, Christ Church ended the year with a deficit; the expenditures were greater than the contributions and other income. We had been caught by a very large increase in insurance, higher utility bills, needed repairs and increased costs of other necessary items. In establishing our budget for the year 1988, we again reluctantly accepted a deficit of $7,720. This was necessary to expand our mission and to continue to grow in service to God and the community. At the same time, we cut expenses wherever possible without damaging the program and outreach of the church. And, we have made some good savings.

In an effort to make Christ Church self-supporting, the Stewardship Committee asked each member of the congregation to consider increasing his or her giving by 1%. This modest increase will allow us to meet our obligations without dipping into our reserves and to continue our growth in service to God and our community. Of course, we will continue to economize.

I am happy to report that the response has been EXCELLENT and that contributions are definitely UP. So far not everyone has responded to this appeal to grow in stewardship as we grow in service; if these members of the congregation will likewise respond to the best of their ability, we will reach our goal of self-sufficiency. In this way we will make the second century of Christ Church as outstanding and as wonderful as the first century. If you have yet to make your decision to join with the others in this growth in stewardship, won't you do it now?

Yours in Christ,

Edward W. Hearn

Edward W. Hearn
Treasurer

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LIMITED ENGAGEMENT!

GUEST PREACHER

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

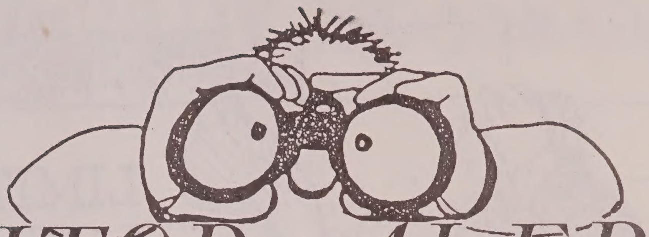
THE REV. DR. GORDON E. FOLKEMER, the eighth member of Christ Church to be ordained, will be the fifth son of the congregation to return and preach during our centennial year.

Dr. Folkemer was born in Baltimore on August 9, 1918, the son of Paul and Anna Folkemer. Both his parents were pillars of Christ church whose love of the Lord and of his people led three sons into the ordained ministry.

Pastor Folkemer is a graduate of Gettysburg College (1941) and Seminary (1944). He was ordained by the Maryland Synod and became the assistant pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, York, Pennsylvania in 1944. In 1947 he became the senior pastor and served that congregation with distinction until his retirement in 1984.

He and his wife, Bertha, were married on May 18, 1946 and have three sons, John, David and Stephen. John and his wife, Donna, and their children, Philip and Paul, are active members of Christ Church.

Be with us on June 12 to welcome home one of our own.



VISITOR ALERT!

No one has to tell you that summer is here! Summer means picnics, beach trips, vacations, gardening, lawn mowing, and VISITORS to Christ Church.

Being in the heart of the Inner Harbor area and close to the downtown hotels, Christ Church is very convenient for vacationing tourists. In the past, we have had a number of visitors during the summer months, and I am sure the same thing will happen this summer also.

Your special task this summer will be to watch out for visitors. Remember, they come in all sizes, shapes, and, in many cases, casual clothes. Please make them feel welcome! If you are sitting near visitors, remember that they may not be familiar with our liturgy, so help them through the service. After worship, invite them to come with you to the Fellowship Hall and be sure to invite them to come back again.

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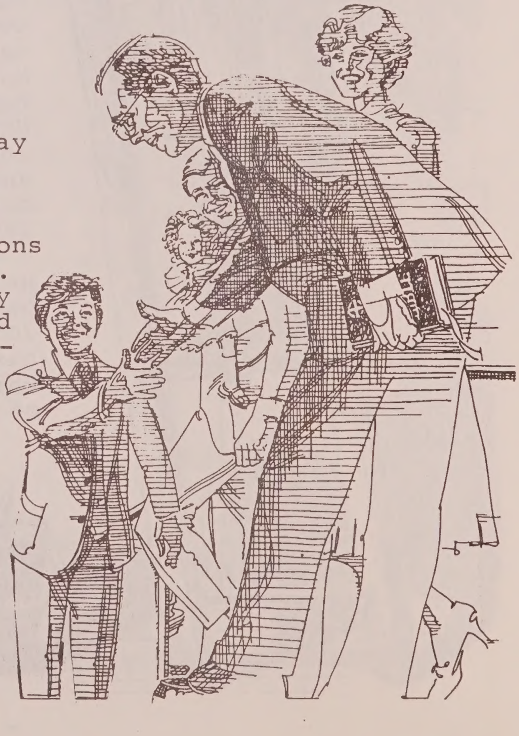
At some point during the summer, you may be a visitor at a church where you are vacationing.

Be alert to ways that other congregations make visitors feel welcome and at home. Bring back any ideas that you think may help us do a better job. (We do a good job now, but new ideas are always helpful.) Many of you already do this, and it is appreciated. You may drop me a note or call me.

COMING NEXT MONTH. . . .

Another Evangelism Encounter!

Kathy Eltermann, Chairperson
Evangelism Committee



Do You Care?

ALL SUMMER LONG chronically or terminally ill patients will be cared for at Deaton Hospital and Medical Center and at its temporary overflow area on the seventh floor of South Baltimore General Hospital. This is *one of the valuable ministries provided by Christ Church* for people in need of very special care. It's our ministry!

But in addition to administering this facility, we need to be involved as PERSONS with patients and staff. Many of the ill have no regular visitors. How easy it is for us to provide that. . . along with the touch of your hand or a hug which can communicate, "You are God's child and important to me."

There are a host of opportunities, one surely will fit your time and your personality. Consider one of these:

1. One-to-one volunteer visitor assigned to one special patient. The Volunteer Director will match you with just the right person. You may visit once a week or twice a month, any day, even on your lunch hour!

2. Visit with a group. The Social Ministry Committee's next group visit will be to the 75 male patients on Father's Day, June 19, just following the late service. Join us!

3. Families (with teens or younger children) can be assigned one specific patient *or* be involved with Pets on Wheels. Call Ginny Wolfe, 547-8500, for information on registering your pet dog, cat, fish or what-have-you!

4. Want to help escort patients to a shopping mall, to the Harbor, to lunch, to church, or another activity? Deaton provides transportation. You be the companion!

5. Young volunteers (late teens to 30) are needed to relate to young accident victims, many of whom are paralyzed. They need someone to speak their language, relate to their shattered dreams, become their friend!

6. Want a real challenge? Try volunteering as a visitor to the South Annex (South Baltimore General Hospital) where patients do not have the ability to communicate normally. Buy many can give eye signals or squeeze a hand. Try it. They need love desperately.

7. Do you have a special talent to share? A craft, music, games, reading, writing, gardening? Visit the occupational therapy area (even though construction has crowded them into a corner!), and find out when and how best to share what you love with others.

If you fit into "none of the above", just call Ginny Wolfe at 547-8500. She'll find just the right place for you to *participate in Christ Church's caring ministry.* Or, think of a new way to serve the critically ill. If you've had experience in your family, you'll know what to suggest.

If you care, you need to put your faith into ACTION. Call today! Call Ginny Wolfe, 547-8500, and watch the bulletin for special opportunities. See you at Deaton!

Elizabeth Lottich, Chairperson
Social Ministry Committee

Dear Members and Church Friends:

Many thanks to all who were responsible for helping to make our Mother-Daughter Banquet a success! We particularly wish to express our appreciation to Jean Coblentz who planned the program and to chef Pastor Sabatelli and his willing helpers who made it possible for all the ladies to relax and enjoy the evening!

Through the year the W.E.L.C.A. have had many educational, stimulating and inspirational programs. For our last meeting of the season, a social event is planned to which all members and interested individuals are invited.

EVENT: A cruise on the Chesapeake Bay
to Annapolis on the Lady Baltimore

DATE: Wednesday, June 22nd

TIME: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

COST: $15.35

There will be an interval of 2½ hours in Annapolis for leisure activities - dining in one of the many interesting restaurants (you may prefer a picnic lunch on the boat), visiting historic houses, browsing, shopping, etc.

This is a wonderful opportunity for fun and fellowship; mark your calendars and plan to join us!

With best wishes for a restful and relaxing summer,

Anne Jennings
President

ADULT FORUM - CONFIRMATION CLASS

The Adult Forum and 9th grade Confirmation Class will meet together on Sundays, June 5, 12, and 19. Pastor Sabatelli and Kim Bond will be teaching a course on Reformation history. ALL ARE INVITED!

Summer Celebration

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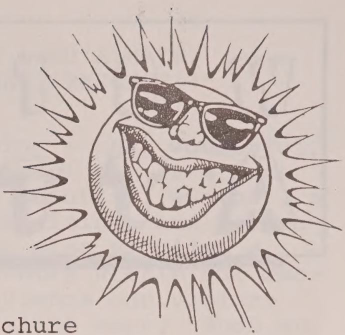
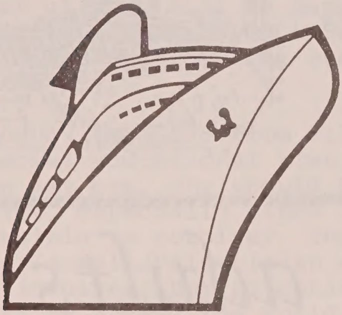
S.S. CENTENNIAL



(If you have not received a copy of the blue brochure outlining all the many activities planned for our "Summer Celebration", copies are available at the church.)



summer ministry 1988

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

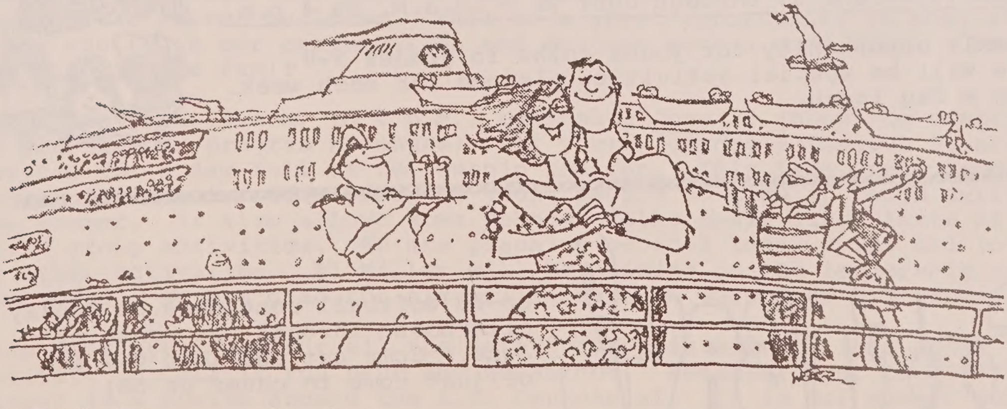
"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice!"

PHILIPPIANS 4:4

ANNOUNCING THE CHRIST CHURCH SUMMER OF 1988 CRUISE

Yes, a CRUISE!!
And what exactly is a cruise?

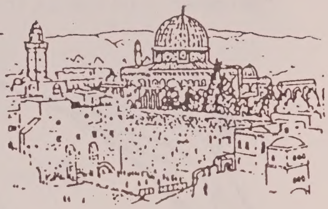
"A cruise is a celebration.
A fragile string of pleasurable moments.
And while a cruise is defined by its duration and destination,
it begins with anticipation and ends with remembrance."



Welcome! to our summer cruise aboard the S.S. Centennial!!

worth·your ATTENTION

TUESDAYS - JUNE 7 through JULY 26 - 7:30 to 9 p.m.



A special educational evening is planned using a course titled, "Two Peoples. . .The Same Land: A Study of the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict." Come and join us as we struggle with this very complex and current issue.

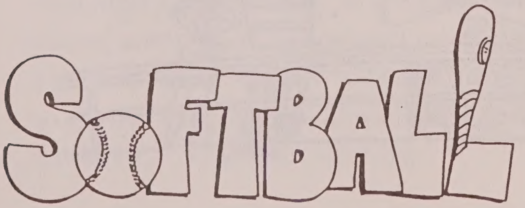
for young adults

WEDNESDAYS - JUNE 8 through JULY 27 - 6 p.m. til ?

Come out and join the fun with other young adults of Christ Church. Arrive at 6 p.m. for supper and stay until about 8 for volleyball.

THURSDAYS - JUNE 23 through JULY 28 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A weekly opportunity for young folks in grades 5-9. There will be special activities planned for each week. Bring a bag lunch.



Co-ed softball continues on Sunday afternoons through the month of June. Come out and join the fun or just come to cheer us on!

"REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS;
AGAIN I WILL SAY, REJOICE!!"

Summer is fast approaching - that wonderful, fun-loving time of the year! It is a time for vacations, picnics, beautiful weather, a break from school, entertaining, and relaxation. The summer season also provides a unique opportunity for ministry within our congregation. It is a time to experience our sisters and brothers in Christ in new and different ways. Such an experience has already begun on Sunday afternoons when a group of us gather to play softball in a league with other Lutheran churches. In this article, I would like to encourage you to make the most of what will be happening at Christ Church this summer, and I would like to elaborate on three of our special programs - the Tuesday evening course, the Wednesday evening supper and volleyball, and the Thursday youth day.

TUESDAY EVENINGS from 7:30 to 9, beginning June 7, we are planning a special educational time to study the Israeli and Palestinian conflict. You may ask, Why should American Lutherans be concerned about that conflict, especially since it seems both hopelessly complicated and impossible to resolve? There are a few answers that come to mind. First, the Israeli/Palestinian conflict threatens not only the parties directly involved, but potentially the rest of the world as well. The Middle East is indeed the world's number one hot spot. Second, as Christians who believe that Jesus Christ was sent into the world reconcile humankind with God and each other, we owe it to our Jewish, Christian, and Muslim brothers and sisters in the Middle East to try to understand who they are and why they believe and act the way they do. And third, with the kind of understanding that comes from knowledge, we will be better equipped to support those courageous Israelis and Palestinians who believe that peace is possible. The course will be taught in a dialogue style by Kim Bond and myself. We are presently planning to have guest speakers two of our evenings together. Join us!

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS from 6 to about 8, beginning June 8, young adults are invited to gather for supper and an evening of volleyball fun. The meal and game will take place on the patch of grass off of Light Street, east of the church building. This is a great opportunity to meet other young adults in our congregation and to just have a good time. Come and join in the fun!!

THURSDAYS from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., beginning June 23 (note the misprint in your summer program brochure), all youth, grades 5 through 9, are invited for a day full of fellowship and fun. This is a great opportunity for our terrific group of young people to keep in touch during the summer. It also allows some younger folks their first taste of youth group activities. We are planning several local trips and lots of other activities. Al Miller will be joining in the leadership on Thursdays. We are glad for his willingness to volunteer his time!

Keep your eyes open for all the activities this summer. And don't hesitate to call if you have any questions. Remember, our theme this summer is a cruise aboard the S.S. Centennial. It is our summer celebration. Come, join in the rejoicing!!

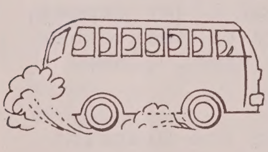
Amy J. Godshall
Vicar

this month

The Deaton Hospital Auxiliary will hold its ANNUAL BAZAAR and FLEA MARKET on SATURDAY, JUNE 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donations are needed for the following: flea market items, plants, cakes, cookies, books, handmade items, clothing, crafts and jewelry. Pickups are available. Call Ginny Wolfe at 547-8500, ext. 242.

The combined Children's Choirs of the church will be traveling to the National Lutheran Home on SUNDAY, JUNE 5 to present their production, "Francis: The Poor Little Man of God" to the residents at 2:30 p.m.

Bring A Senior Day Picnic, sponsored by Lutheran Brotherhood, will be held on SATURDAY, JUNE 11 at Fort McHenry from 1 to 5 p.m. for seniors and their family and friends. There will be free hot dogs, hamburgers, cold drinks, etc. You will need a special button for admittance which you can get from Kim Bond. We hope to have our families "adopt a grandparent" for the day and join the fun!



The next scheduled trip to the National Lutheran Home is WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22. The van will leave at 9:30 a.m. and return by 2:30 p.m. The cost is $5.00. Make a reservation promptly!

Strawberry FESTIVAL

The annual STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL and CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC will be held on SATURDAY, JUNE 25 at the Coast Guard Yard (Curtis Bay) from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. A bus will be provided for transportation to and from the church. Tickets will go on sale soon!

June 5, 1988

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Commemoration of Boniface

O God,
we stand gratefully before your presence,
thanking you for food and drink.
Like David when he was hungry,
we have been fed by your life.
We beg you now
to feed all those
who cry to you for food.
So may your name be praised throughout
the world.
Amen

June 12, 1988

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O God, our dear Father,
you have called us into your family,
and you feed us around loving tables.
We praise you for this meal.
Make us into brothers and sisters,
that related to you
we may be related to all people,
and share with them our goods,
through Christ, our brother.
Amen

June 19, 1988

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O God the Creator,
out of the seed you grow a tree;
out of nothing you bring this meal.
We honor your power,
we praise your might.
Create in us a new spirit,
that we may bear fruit for others
and so share our life with the world,
through Christ our Lord.
Amen

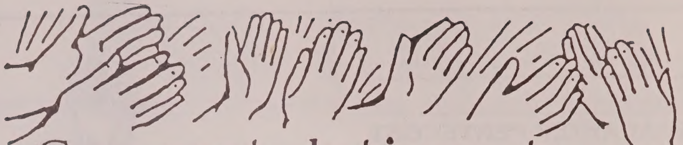
June 26, 1988

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O God,
out of the whirlwind you have spoken
grace.
You have laid the world's foundations,
and you have set this table with food.
Blessed be God for ever!
By that same power
create human society anew,
with justice as its measurement
and compassion for a cornerstone,
through Christ our Lord.
Amen

BLESSING &
BESEECHING

PRAYERS FOR
FOOD AND HUNGER
Gail Ramshaw



Congratulations to...

RICK SCHRENKER, our Sunday School Superintendent, who completed a Masters of Art in electrical engineering.

CARL SWANSON, who earned a Masters of Art in theology.

MARILYN SCHRENKER, who earned an Associates in Art degree.

NORMA PILOT-PETERS, who was named to "Who's Who in American Women", 1988 edition.

ELISSA SABATELLI, who was elected president of the Baltimore South Urban Youth Conference.

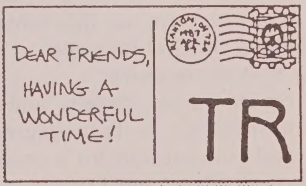
JONATHAN HAMMAN, who was elected secretary of the Baltimore South Urban Youth Conference.

ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE 1 - 50th wedding anniversary of HELEN and HUBERT RUMNEY

JUNE 6 - 55th wedding anniversary of MARDELLE and JUSTUS LIESMANN

JUNE 26 - 40th wedding anniversary of EILEEN and BOB UNDERWOOD



TRAVELING

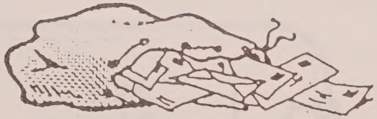
ELIZABETH LOTTICH is visiting with family and touring Turkey and Greece.

PAULINE MILLER is sightseeing in China.

The RAYS have returned from a trip to Florida.

MAY ELLEN and BOB MADDOX have returned from a trip to the Holy Land.

Mailbag



Saints Stephen and James' Evangelical Lutheran Church
The REV. LOWELL S. THOMPSON, Pastor
HANOVER & HAMBURG STREETS ✝ BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21230

May 5, 1988

The Rev. John R. Sabatelli
Christ Lutheran Church
701 N. Charles St.
Baltimore, Md. - 21230

Dear John,

Please express my sincere thanks to all the members of the Christ Church congregation for their gift of $250.00 and to the Lutheran Church Women of Christ Church for their gift of $100.00 - both to the Wednesday Soup Kitchen at Saints Stephen and James. Your continuing generosity is a blessing to many.

One Wednesday a professor from the Univ. of Maryland was researching the historical records of Saints Stephen and James. His books were spread on a table in a little room near the kitchen. The next day he told me that he had seen the volunteers working in the Soup Kitchen and had heard their expressions of love and concern for those who had come to eat. "Pastor," he said, "you have some of the most wonderful Christian men and women I have ever seen!"

I said, "Thank you! I think so, too. But I have to be honest, all the volunteers you saw here yesterday were from Christ Lutheran Church!"

I thought that was a truly spontaneous and delightful testimony to Elizabeth Lottich and her volunteers from Christ Church who staff the Soup Kitchen the last Wednesday of each month.

We rejoice in the works of love that we are able to do together in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Warm regards,

Lowell S. Thompson, Pastor

To: Members of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

Thank you sincerely for your contribution of $ 875.00 for the work of Lutheran Social Services.

Your gift will assist people in need by supporting the ministry that Jesus asks of us: to feed the hungry, to visit the imprisoned, to assist the sick, to help the stranger. In other words, we are to minister to those people who have needs.

We have great resources because of Christ; he expects us to share them with others as a Caring Community. Thanks for being a part of that Caring Community.

Cordially,

William J. Black

Date: April 19, 1988

The Rev. William J. Black
Executive Director

We deeply appreciate this strong support -

SOBER
SOUTH BALTIMORE EMERGENCY RELIEF
110 East West Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21230

May 1988.

Dear Pastor Sabatelli -

Thank you for the recent, donation of $500.00 for SOBER's ministries. Christ Lutheran has been very generous.

Yours in Christ,

Jaye

Thank You

Dear Friends,

We wish to extend our sincere appreciation and gratitude to our pastors and friends for the prayers, visits, beautiful cards and the memorials in loving memory of our dear mother, Gertrude Belloff.

The love, prayers and support have sustained us through this difficult period in our lives. God was good to us as our prayers were answered.

Thank you and God bless all of you.

Sincerely,

Mildred Belloff
Marion and Delbert Reiner

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To the Pastors, Amy, and friends,

Thank you for your prayers, visits and cards sent to my mother while she was in the hospital. Thank you also for the remembrances and visits at the time of her death.

Sincerely,

Margaret Polk and family

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We wish to express our deepest appreciation to everyone for their prayers, kindness and cards during our sister Marie's illness and for the sympathy in our recent bereavement. God bless you all.

Thelma, Naomi and Elmer Zimmerman

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centennial exhibit

Featured this month will be some added miscellaneous memorabilia and recent reports on services and contributions made to the community.

At the end of June the entire exhibit will be removed. We hope you have enjoyed reviewing our history, recalling some of our programs of education and entertainment, and knowing some of the church's outreach.

On one Sunday the old offering plates, beautifully engraved alms basin and sports trophies can be seen.

Ruth Dunwoody and Eva Zumbrun

MINISTERIAL ACTS

April 1988

Weddings

Alan Kurt Baumann
and
Loni Joanne Cochran

George S. Chicks, Jr.
and
Linda R. Huber

"May they dwell in God's presence forever;
may true and constant love preserve them."

FUNERALS

Charles H. Bridges
Pearl Dashields
Gertrude Belloff
Marie Zimmerman

"I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; "he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

Miss A. Bertha Hoepner
National Lutheran Home
9701 Veirs Drive
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Miss Edith Hoepner
National Lutheran Home
9701 Veirs Drive
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Miss Margaret Deuchler
Deaton Hospital and Medical Center
600 South Charles Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21230

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Knode, Jr.
(Marie)
3912 Colchester Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21229

MEMORIALS

Contributions were made to the Christ Church Endowment Fund by the following people in memory of Gertrude E. Belloff:

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rauscher
Mr. and Mrs. H. Gordon Kelly
George W. Christ
Benjamin Kohlhafer
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gadd
Mr. and Mrs. George Huber, Sr.
Mrs. Grace Zimmerman
Mildred E. Belloff
Doris A. Gannon
Lillian Davis
Mrs. Barbara Kimbrel
Mrs. William Dean
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gischel
Mr. and Mrs. Webster Hurst, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Samm
Bruce J. Weammert
Dale and Pam Weammert and daughters, Sarah and Lisa
Mrs. Leonard Mason
Donald and Gail Krebs
Catherine S. Knightly
Sunday Evening Club of Baltimore
Mrs. Jean Coblentz
Myron Laufer
Charles Norinsky
Action Janitorial Services, Inc.
Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wilcox
Alice J. Akehurst
Charlotte Meyers and son, Daniel Meyers
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Huber
Norman C. Reiner
Milton L. Bayline
Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Reiner
Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Boyle
Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bayline
Mrs. Iva Tyler
Mrs. Murray Harrison
Mrs. Nelson Gischel
Christ Church Women of the ELCA
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Eichelberger
Her niece, Irma H. Weammert
Fidelis Bible Class
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Stewardship of Resources

OUR OFFERINGS

Earlier this year, the pastors, Church Council and Stewardship Committee challenged our members to grow in giving by 1% or more of their incomes. We sent cards requesting a response and received 119 back. As you remember, the cards were stamped "No Name Please." One hundred fifteen cards had positive responses and four cards had negative responses. Many people simply did not return the cards but responded through their regular giving.

As of May 31 giving to the General Fund has increased 22.5% and overall giving has increased 13.7%. At the same time, some expenses were cut. If we all take seriously the privilege, the joy and the responsibility to support Christ's Church and its many ministries and programs - to give regularly, proportionally, sacrificially and joyfully - these gains will be sustained and increased. When everyone does his/her part good things happen.

OUR BUILDINGS

Christ Church's buildings are among the most beautiful in the state. They are treasures we take pride in, we use and enjoy.

As part of the Centennial Fund, we earmarked $25,000 to be spent for a sexton's apartment on the third floor of the Zimmerman Parish House. Our current wonderful sexton, Joe Gibson, a long-time resident of South Baltimore, has informed me that he and his family would prefer to remain in their home on Barney Street.

The Church Council, therefore, is recommending that that $25,000 plus a special gift from one of our members of $20,000, be used to enclose the church bells in a tower. This will protect the bells and beautify the buildings. Currently, a mechanical engineering firm is studying the building to see if it can bear the additional weight. If the answer is yes, a congregational meeting will be held with the sole purpose of authorizing the use of the $25,000 from the Centennial Fund for the tower instead of an apartment. The council unanimously recommends this action.

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Our Mission in the City

OUR MISSION

Offerings and buildings are not ends in themselves. They are means to ministry. They enable the Gospel to be preached, the sacraments to be administered, people to be educated, the sick to be visited, the poor to be fed, the homeless to be sheltered. There is always more that could be done if the resources were available. As a congregation we have for 100 years striven to be faithful and not to be complacent. May we continue to grow in our response to God's grace not because we have to but because we want to.

At a special Church Council meeting held on June 21, the council, as your elected leaders, struggled with the issue of opening a temporary shelter for the homeless this winter in the lower hall of the church. Many valid points, pro and con, were made.

The reasons given for opening the shelter were:

1 - We have marvelous facilities including toilets and showers in the lower hall that are the best for this purpose in South Baltimore.

2 - We have a proven track record in social ministry. Our investment in time, talent and money in the Deaton Hospital, Christ Church Harbor Apartments and Meals-on-Wheels is unequalled by any single Lutheran congregation on the East Coast.

3 - We have many members who are vitally interested in the problems of the homeless. Twenty-two of our members served this past year as volunteers at the shelter at St. Mark Lutheran Church. We have talented leadership in Pastor Mack and Elizabeth Lottich who are committed to make things run smoothly.

4 - If significant problems arise and things get out of hand, the Church Council has the right on short notice to close the shelter.

*5 - THERE IS AN UNDENIABLE SIGNIFICANT NEED TO HOUSE THE HOMELESS IN FAITHFULNESS TO OUR LORD'S COMMAND TO FEED THE HUNGRY, TO WELCOME STRANGERS INTO OUR HOMES, TO CLOTHE THE NAKED, TO CARE FOR THE SICK AND TO MINISTER TO THE PRISONER (Matthew 25).

6 - The professional leadership in Meals-on-Wheels is supportive of the shelter.

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The council is also aware of the following problems and will work to minimize them and monitor the situation:

1 - Homeless people may loiter around the building before or after the shelter's hours of operation. (7 p.m. to 7 a.m.)

2 - The additional cost in heating and lighting the undercroft will be the church's responsibility.

3 - There will be some additional necessary maintenance although custodial services will be provided by the shelter at the city's expense.

4 - The possibility of lice getting into the building may require an exterminator being hired on occasion at the city's expense.

5 - Security, although the lower hall can be sealed off. Access to other parts of the building will not be given.

6 - Community reaction may be negative. We are most concerned about the feelings of security of the residents of Christ Church Harbor Apartments. The homeless are not known for violence, but their presence can be unsettling.

SOME DETAILS

1 - The temporary shelter would operate for five months beginning November 1 from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., seven nights a week.

2 - Most of the costs, including the paid staff, will be funded by the City of Baltimore.

3 - The sponsoring organization will be SOBER (South Baltimore Emergency Relief). The president of SOBER is Pastor Mack.

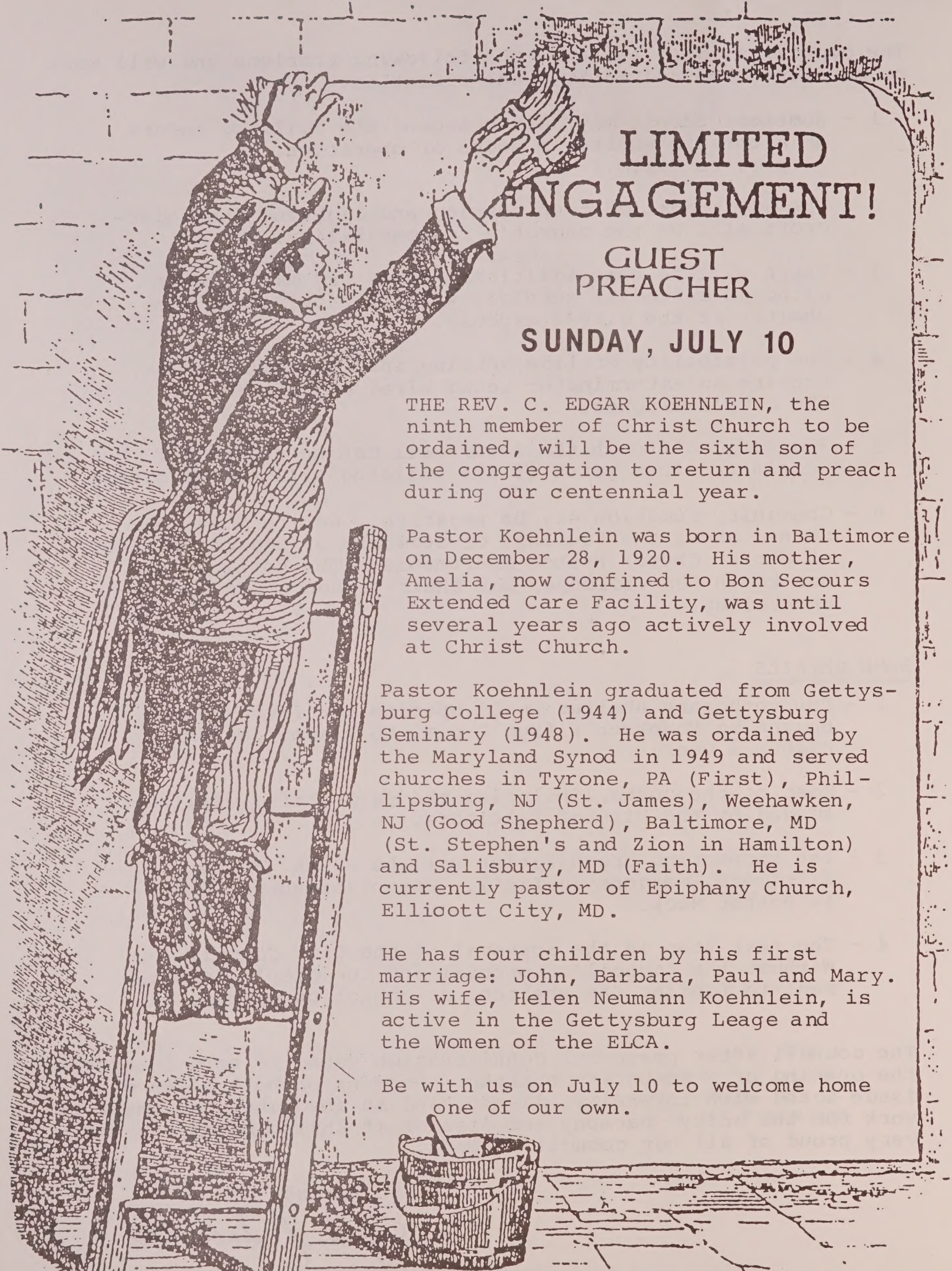
4 - The next step is the approval of the City Council. Without the Council's approval and the city's commitment to funding the shelter, it cannot be opened.

The council after prayerful consideration voted 10 to 6 to approve the opening of a temporary shelter. Persons on both sides of the issue acted with integrity, dignity and an absolute commitment to work for the unity, harmony and mission of ChristChurch. I was very proud of all our council members.

In Christ,

John R. Sabatelli

John R. Sabatelli
Pastor



LIMITED ENGAGEMENT!

GUEST PREACHER

SUNDAY, JULY 10

THE REV. C. EDGAR KOEHNLEIN, the ninth member of Christ Church to be ordained, will be the sixth son of the congregation to return and preach during our centennial year.

Pastor Koehnlein was born in Baltimore on December 28, 1920. His mother, Amelia, now confined to Bon Secours Extended Care Facility, was until several years ago actively involved at Christ Church.

Pastor Koehnlein graduated from Gettysburg College (1944) and Gettysburg Seminary (1948). He was ordained by the Maryland Synod in 1949 and served churches in Tyrone, PA (First), Phillipsburg, NJ (St. James), Weehawken, NJ (Good Shepherd), Baltimore, MD (St. Stephen's and Zion in Hamilton) and Salisbury, MD (Faith). He is currently pastor of Epiphany Church, Elliocott City, MD.

He has four children by his first marriage: John, Barbara, Paul and Mary. His wife, Helen Neumann Koehnlein, is active in the Gettysburg Leage and the Women of the ELCA.

Be with us on July 10 to welcome home one of our own.

"evangelism encounters"

The seeds for some "evangelism encounters" are often sown a long time before they actually bear fruit. The one I want to tell you about began several years ago. In fact, one of the "main characters" was not even born when this all began. . .

Edgar and David were childhood friends. They even spent one year as college roommates. After college, they went their separate ways, and, as often happens, they only had occasional contact during the years when they were starting their careers and raising their families. Edgar and his wife, Margaret, saw David and his wife briefly in 1984 and I imagine they discussed their careers and families.

In 1987, Edgar and Margaret moved to Severna Park and began looking for a church to call "home". One Saturday while reading the church ads in the newspaper, they saw the ad for Christ Church and noticed the vicar's name - AMY GODSHALL. What a surprise! Their friend, David Godshall, a Lutheran pastor, had a daughter named Amy who was a student at Gettysburg Seminary. They decided to visit Christ Church and see their friend's daughter. Of course, on the Sunday they visited, she was away! Well, they decided to come back again. And they did. In fact, they continued to come back for worship and decided they had found a church to call home. Edgar and Margaret Schick became members of Christ Church on Palm Sunday 1988. We are delighted to have them as part of the Christ Church family.

Once again, we see that our newspaper ad is a good evangelism tool; however, in this case, it helped to have a vicar named Amy Godshall! One might ask if this really can be called an "evangelism encounter" for our vicar. I think so, and since I write the articles, I guess I'll call it as I see it!

SPEAKING OF OUR VICAR. . .

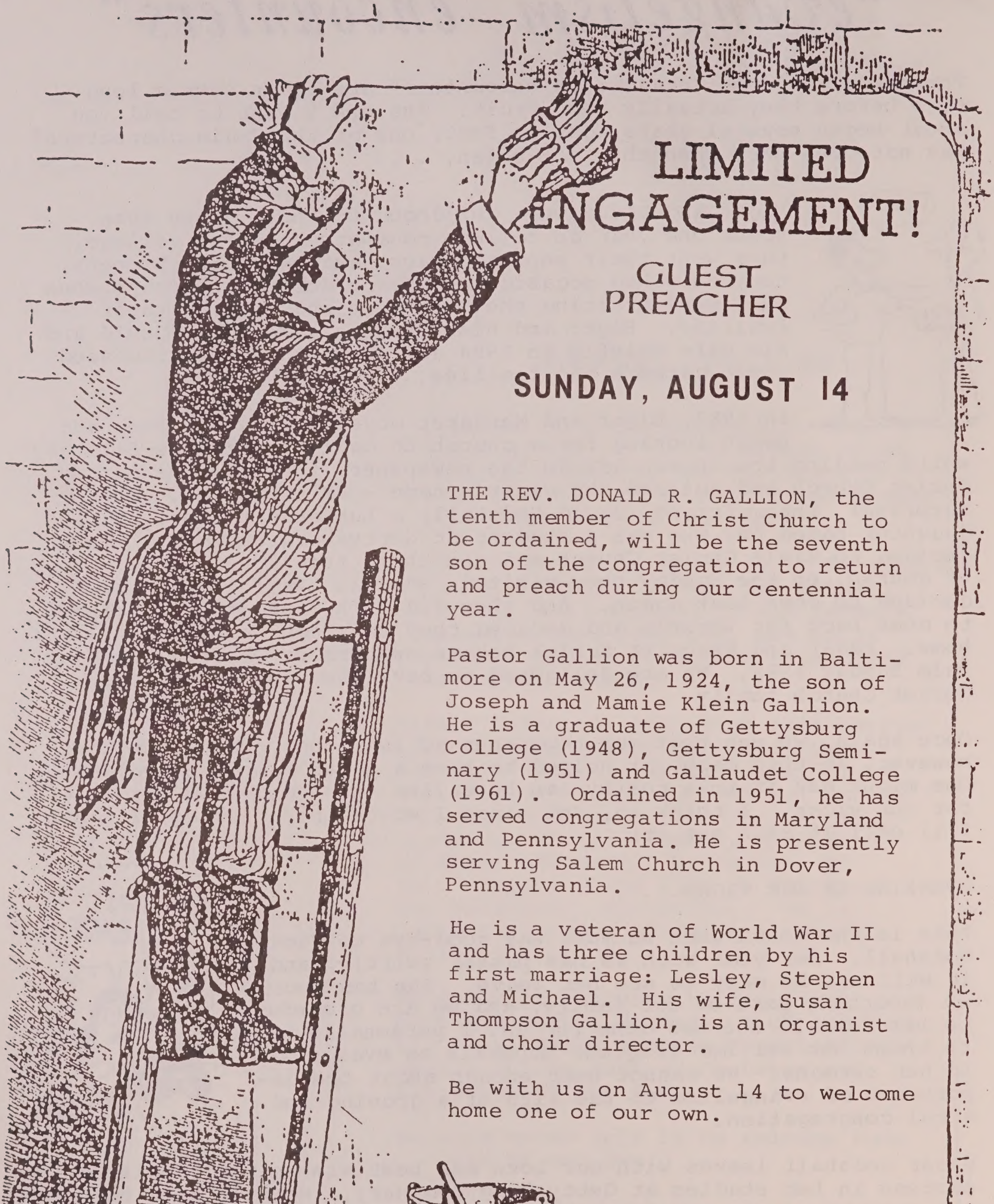
This is the month when we must say good-bye to Vicar Godshall. Her year with us has passed swiftly, and it will not be easy to see her leave. She has become an important part of our family, and we are grateful to her for all she has done for us. I personally want to thank her for her frequent emphasis on evangelism in her sermons. We cannot hear enough about the importance of evangelism to the life of a growing and vital congregation.

Vicar Godshall leaves with our love and best wishes for continued success in her studies at Gettysburg Seminary. We will keep her in our prayers as she completes her education and begins her ministry in her own parish.

Amy, we will all miss you very much!

"The Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

Kathy Eltermann
Evangelism Chairperson



LIMITED ENGAGEMENT!

GUEST PREACHER

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

THE REV. DONALD R. GALLION, the tenth member of Christ Church to be ordained, will be the seventh son of the congregation to return and preach during our centennial year.

Pastor Gallion was born in Baltimore on May 26, 1924, the son of Joseph and Mamie Klein Gallion. He is a graduate of Gettysburg College (1948), Gettysburg Seminary (1951) and Gallaudet College (1961). Ordained in 1951, he has served congregations in Maryland and Pennsylvania. He is presently serving Salem Church in Dover, Pennsylvania.

He is a veteran of World War II and has three children by his first marriage: Lesley, Stephen and Michael. His wife, Susan Thompson Gallion, is an organist and choir director.

Be with us on August 14 to welcome home one of our own.

from the Vicar

I sit down to write this letter, not because I want to, but because it is way past due and time to send Harbor Lights to the printer. Saying goodbye is nobody's favorite thing to do. Some of us avoid goodbyes pretending they aren't going to happen. Others of us say "it's not goodbye, it's see you later." Yet no amount of denial or rewording changes the fact that life is full of goodbyes. You all have welcomed me into your family here at Christ Church in so many wonderful and special ways, and now the time to say goodbye has indeed come.

I also sit down to write this letter because I need to say thank you and to share with you some of my learnings and growth. My memories of this year are many - my first attempt at eating crabs and oysters, being called "hon", teaching confirmation and the adult forum, worship leadership, preaching the Good News and hearing it preached, healing services, lots of hospital visits, one-way streets and no left turns, shut-in visits, radio broadcasts, Friday night council meetings, playing softball, youth group trips to Mar-Lu-Ridge, Ocean City and New York City, committee meetings, Saturday morning senior citizen group, Lenten dinners, festival celebrations like the Anniversary, Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, baptisms, confirmation, communion, weddings and funerals, smiles and tears, laughter and silence - being the people of God in this place together.

Thank you for welcoming me into your church family and into your homes, thank you for your encouragement and constructive criticisms, thank you for trusting me and sharing yourselves with me, thank you for a year that may end July 31st but will greatly affect my entire ministry. Christ Church is indeed a very special place, as your history clearly shows. Thank you for making me part of this your centennial year celebration! Your investment in the future of the church as you celebrate the past is greatly appreciated by me and by the seminary; a wonderful symbol of your foward looking ministry as the church of Christ.

While it is always hard to say goodbye, we must remember and rejoice in the fact that we are never the same after we have said hello. This year has been for me one of incredible growth and learning, and a time for the making of many new and wonderful friends. My greatest hope going into internship was that coming out of the classroom and into a real parish I would still want to be an ordained pastor. This year among you the people of Christ Church has certainly given me that confidence and assurance. I pray that all ofyou have also grown from our time together. I would like to end with a quote from Paul's letter to the Philippians. I feel very much about you as he felt about them.

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel thus about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace." Philippians 1:3-7a

In Christ's love,

Amy Godshall
Vicar

SUMMER
sunday school

Have you been wondering what those mysterious noises coming from the lower hall are on Sunday mornings? No, it's not the choir or Dr. Davis! It's an exciting summer adventure for people of all ages from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Sunday School for the summer weeks has a new look which resembles a sheepfold - and that's appropriate since the whole thing revolves around Psalm 23.

During the morning there will be time for singing, sharing, praying and several activity areas that you can work in throughout the morning. There promises to be something for everyone. Parents are asked to bring their children to the lower hall on Sunday mornings, encouraged to stay, participate and leave with them at the close of the session.

Regardless of your age, please stop by and check out the activities in the sheepfold - you'll be glad you did!

ADULT DEPARTMENT

An Adult Sunday School Class will meet in the chapel each Sunday.

summer speakers

June 26	Mr. Ben Kohlhafer
July 3	Mr. Herman Wollenweber
July 10	The Rev. Robert Mack
July 17	Vicar Amy Godshall
July 24	Mrs. Jane Sprigg
July 31	The Rev. John Sabatelli
August 7	Miss Kim Bond
August 14	Mrs. Elizabeth Lottich
August 21	The Rev. Leigh Bell
August 28	Mr. James Wilmer
September 4	Mrs. Mary Weston

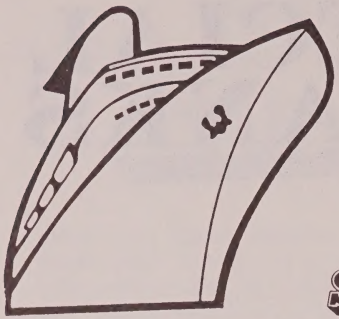
SPECIAL THANKS

By the time you read this, Summer Sunday School will be in full swing. Reflecting on the year just completed, I want our teachers to know how thankful we all are for the dedication and excellence they bring to their tasks. I especially want to recognize those individuals who are leaving our corps of teachers after many years of distinguished service. Virginia Leonard, whose evangelism visit to my family a few years ago encouraged us to become active in the congregation, left her position as head of the Beginner's Department last autumn. A few months later, Gloria Paar stepped down as chairperson of the Christian Education Committee. And with the end of the school year, Mary Weston will no longer be the teacher for our Fidelis Bible Class. All three of these ladies have been extremely helpful to me in my duties as superintendent, and their contributions over the years deserve a heartfelt "THANK YOU!"

Of course, as always is the case where this congregation is concerned, others have stepped in and begun making their contribution as well. Stephanie Miller has been leading the Beginner's Department since Fall, Jim Wilmer now chairs the Christian Education Committee, and we are already in the process of finding new teachers for the Fidelis Bible Class.

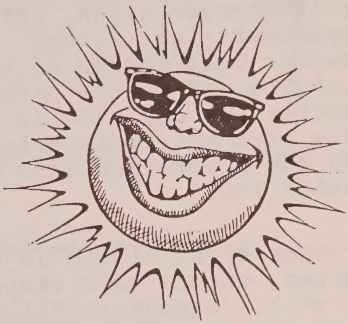
As for me, I have a number of special "Thank Yous" to offer. As many of you know, this year was particularly hectic around the Schrenker household as Marilyn's and my school work loads were horrendous. Our happy ending occurred last month when we both were awarded degrees. First, we would like to thank all of you who took the time to congratulate us on our accomplishment. Second, I would like to thank our teachers and Sunday School office staff for their patience with me this year. Finally, I would like to especially thank Kim Bond for all her help in making the year a success; I don't know what I would have done without her.

Rick Schrenker
Superintendent
Sunday Church School



Summer Celebration aboard the S.S. CENTENNIAL continues in JULY!

Christ Church summer ministry 1988



ONGOING EVENTS

continuing TUESDAYS - JULY 5 through JULY 26, 7:30 to 9 p.m.

A special educational evening continues using a course titled, "Two Peoples...The Same Land: A Study of the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict." Special speakers on the subject are scheduled for July 12th and 19th. Come and join us as we struggle with this very complex and current issue.

continuing WEDNESDAYS - JULY 6 through JULY 27, 6 p.m. to ?

Come out and join the fun with other young adults of Christ Church. Arrive at 6 p.m. for supper and stay until about 8 for volleyball - or depending on the weather (extreme heat or rain) - indoor games (in the air conditioned building).

continuing THURSDAYS - JULY 7, 21 and 28, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A weekly opportunity for youth who have completed grades 5 through 9. There are special activities planned for each week. Bring a bag lunch.

Special Events

FIREWORKS, FOOD and FELLOWSHIP - MONDAY, JULY 4

The fun begins at 8 p.m. at the church and ends when the fireworks conclude. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and join the fun!

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT - SATURDAY, JULY 9

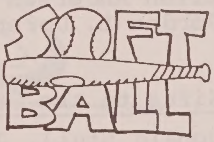
Drop your children off at the church from 4 to 8 p.m. and enjoy a fun four hours on the town.

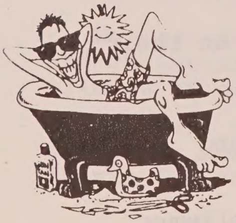
CAMPING TRIP TO REHOBOTH BEACH FOR YOUTH

Thursday, July 14 through Saturday, July 16
See or call Vicar Godshall for details.

SOFTBALL ALL-STAR GAME - SUNDAY, JULY 17

All of our wonderful softball players are invited to an end-of-the-season picnic and all-star game. Three players from our team will be sharing their talent with one of the teams.



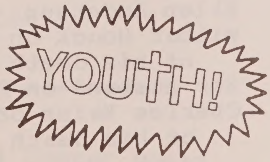


FAMILY POOL PARTY - SATURDAY, JULY 23

This family fun time poolside will be held at the home of Mary Alice and George Schneider, 419 W. Maple Road, Linthicum, from 1 to 7 p.m. Bring enough beverages, hamburgers and hot dogs for your family and one side dish to share. Call Vicar Godshall or the church office to make your reservation (752-7179).

LUTHER LEAGUE DECK PARTY - SUNDAY, JULY 24

All youth are invited to an end of the year party at Kim Bond's home beginning after the late service.



CONFIRMATION CAMP - AUGUST 7 through AUGUST 12

This week at Mar-Lu-Ridge is for all youth involved in our confirmation program or about to enter it (youth who begin 7th grade in the fall). While this is not a required part of the confirmation program, it is recommended and very worthwhile. Call Vicar Godshall for further details.

MEMORIALS

Memorials to the Christ Church Endowment Fund

In memory of:	By:
Mr. and Mrs. Sterling A. Stull	Donald Stull, Jr.
Anna C. Schmelz	Mr. and Mrs. Carl Samm
Pearl Dashields	L. Madge Allison
Mary Frances Kagle	Josephine Ruthowski
Mary Frances Kagle	Mr. and Mrs. William Kagle
Gertrude Belloff	Miss Marie Baumgartner
W. Edward Pfeifer	Jean D. Coblentz
Mary Frances Kagle	Mrs. Bruce C. McLean
Helen L. Strumsky	Kathleen Mumford
Ellen Andersen	Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Sprigg
Ellen Andersen	Altar Guild
Fannie May Shifflett	Mr. and Mrs. Donald Greif
Ellen Andersen	Edythe Thompson
Gordon L. Dorer	His brother, Bill, and family
Jesse Archer	His wife, Mabel
Pearl Dashields	Glen Burnie Home Arts Club
Henry Botthof on the anniversary of his birth	His wife, Alice
Ellen Andersen	Kris and Dorothy Jensen
Gordon L. Dorer	Ed and Evelyn Young

Gifts to the Christ Church Endowment Fund were given by:

Donald Stull, Jr., in honor of Clinton Larmore
Donald Stull, Jr., in honor of William Lemmon
Donald Stull, Jr., in honor of Julia Bacon
Jean D. Coblentz in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Rumney on their 50th wedding anniversary

Memorials to the Christ Church Centennial Fund

In memory of:	By:
Mr. and Mrs. Paul I. Folkemer	Dr. Lawrence D. Folkemer
Ellen Andersen	Doris Volkman
Ellen Andersen	Ruth L. Neyens
Wilbur Houck on the anniversary of his death	His family
Her husband on Father's Day	Frances Brubaker
Charles Kaiss on the anniversary of his death	His wife, Madaline

Gifts to the Christ Church Centennial Fund were given by:

Mary L. Weston
Jean D. Coblentz
Mr. and Mrs. Perry in honor of the marriage of their son, Bradley, and Brenda Thomas

Memorials to the Deaton Endowment Fund for Caring Ministries

In memory of:	By:
Carlen Shirley Muhly	Her mother, Mrs. George J. Muhly, Jr
Ellen Andersen	Sylvia Weaver

Memorials to the Christ Church Organ Fund

In memory of:	By:
Mary Frances Kagle	Mr. and Mrs. U. W. Hunt
Ellen Andersen	Anneliese Smith
Mary Frances Kagle	Ella N. Dorr

Soup Kitchen Sponsors

William Johnson
Edna Kraft
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sprigg

THANKS

Dear Pastors, Members and Friends at Christ Church,

We wish to express sincere appreciation for the kind attention and Christian devotion shown by all during the recent period of illness of our family member, Gordon.

The many visits and prayers were of everlasting help to those assisting and aiding a less fortunate person in time of great need. Thanks for caring.

In Christian faith and love,
William R. Dorer and family

The patients and staff of Deaton Hospital and Medical Center would like to thank the Social Ministry Committee and all the members of the congregation who participated in the giving of gifts to the women patients at Deaton on Mother's Day. Also, thank you to the Men's Bible Class for their donation to purchase Father's Day gifts for the men.

Ginny Wolf
Director of Activities and Volunteers

MINISTERIAL ACTS

BAPTISMS

"You are a child of God, sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever."

Timothy Aaron Baumann	May 1
Sandra Marie Sweet	May 15
Kaylyn Diane Connor	June 18

Weddings

"May they dwell in God's presence forever; may true and constant love preserve them"

Bradley R. Perry and Brenda L. Thomas	May 21
Gene R. Johnson and Gilda L. Johnson	May 29
John J. Woods and Bernice Sunstrom	June 3
William F. Tate and Carolyn A. Jennings	June 4
Stephen M. Elksnis and S. Kimberly Carter	June 4
Raymond L. Hesse, Jr. and Patricia Lovill	June 18

Funerals

"I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; "he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."

Mary Frances Kagle	May 9
Nettie Moore	May 18
Anna C. Schmelz	May 21
Ellen Andersen	June 4
Gordon L. Dorer	June 15

New Members

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Baltimore, Maryland 21205
Phone: 342-6986

Mrs. Stella Webb
600 Light Street, #414
Baltimore, Maryland 21230
Phone: 539-3788

Mrs. Elsie Ploetz
3704 Delverne Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21218
Phone: 235-2231

Mr. Loran Walter
1725 Linden Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21217
Phone: 523-7091

Ms. Signe Sass
3501 St. Paul Street, #1025
Baltimore, Maryland 21218
Phone: 243-5719

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Mr. Bradley Thomas
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Cockeysville, Maryland 21030

Mr. Robert Collmus
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Baltimore, Maryland 21210

Mrs. Katherine Hubbard
Canton Harbor Nursing Home
1300 South Ellwood Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21224

Mrs. Gertrude Henneberger
Deaton Hospital
611 South Charles Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21230

Mr. Michael H. Baumann
571 Bevier Road
Piscataway, New Jersey 08854

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hesse, Jr. (Patricia
5705 Phillips Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21225

Mrs. Mildred Williams
National Lutheran Home
9701 Veirs Drive
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Mrs. Minnie Eckhardt
Manor Care Nursing Home
7001 North Charles Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21204

Congratulations to:

JOYCE and CHARLES ROMMEL on becoming grandparents.

JOHN HOLLAND on the birth of a son.

AMY EICHELBERGER on her recent engagement.

IDA and CARL SAMM who will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on July 22.

daily bible readings

Friday, July 1
Matthew 23:37-39
Psalm 93

Saturday, July 2
Philippians 2:1-11
Psalm 46

Sunday, July 3
Matthew 6:25-34
Psalm 86

Monday, July 4
I Peter 2:13-17
Psalm 137

Tuesday, July 5
Ezekiel 13:10-16
Psalm 28

Wednesday, July 6
I Corinthians 3:10-17
Psalm 119:153-160

Thursday, July 7
Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 89

Friday, July 8
Isaiah 61:1-6
Psalm 47

Saturday, July 9
Hebrews 12:1-11
Psalm 6

Sunday, July 10
I Corinthians 15:51-58
Psalm 73

Monday, July 11
Isaiah 49:8-13
Psalm 11

Tuesday, July 12
Acts 5:25-42
Psalm 9

Wednesday, July 13
Amos 6:1-7
Psalm 23

Thursday, July 14
Job 10:1-7
Psalm 38

Friday, July 15
Luke 18:31-34
Psalm 108

Saturday, July 16
Isaiah 58:11-12
Psalm 90

Sunday, July 17
I Corinthians 9:24-27
Psalm 120

Monday, July 18
Proverbs 20:5
Psalm 129

Tuesday, July 19
James 1:19-20
Psalm 17

Wednesday, July 20
Ephesians 4:32, 5:19-21
Psalm 141

Thursday, July 21
Ephesians 4:26-27, 29-31
Psalm 55

Friday, July 22
Romans 8:1-17
Psalm 133

Saturday, July 23
John 20:24-29
Psalm 57

Sunday, July 24
I John 1:5-7
Psalm 24

Monday, July 25
I Kings 8:41-43
Psalm 18:29-36

Tuesday, July 26
Matthew 7:7-11
Psalm 70

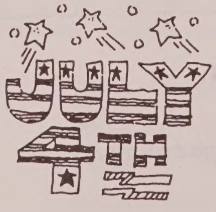
Wednesday, July 27
Acts 2:44-47
Psalm 21

Thursday, July 28
James 1:22-27
Psalm 26

Friday, July 29
Mark 10:13-16
Psalm 115:12-15

Saturday, July 30
Isaiah 65:21-25
Psalm 53

Sunday, July 31
Isaiah 66:1-4
Psalm 15



JULY

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22 St. Mary Magdalen
25 St. James the Elder, Apostle

July 3, 1988

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O Lord, you are our portion;
therefore we will hope in you.
Your steadfast love never ceases,
your mercies never come to an end.
O Lord, be good to all who await you;
have compassion on all who suffer,
through Christ our Lord.
Amen

July 10, 1988

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O Lord our God,
the world gasps out to you
like a thirsty land.
Hear our thanks for this food and drink,
and do not hide your face
from all who cry to you;
for we put our trust in you,
through Christ our Lord.
Amen

July 17, 1988

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Commemoration of Bartolome de los Casas

O God,
you have called us to this table
to share this food and to be filled.
Blessed are you: we praise your name.
Strengthen us by this food
that we may travel out
sharing your gifts of life
with all who live in want.
Amen

July 24, 1988

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O God,
like a shepherd you feed us.
We eat and are satisfied.
We praise you, Shepherd,
Guardian of the human flock.
Now cause justice and righteousness
to grow plentifully in the land.
Give us compassion for all the wandering ones,
through Christ our Lord.
Amen

July 31, 1988

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O God,
just as on Mount Sinai and at the Sea of Galilee
you feed us with plentiful food.
We praise you, we bless you, we worship you.
Bond us so closely to the rest of humankind
that like parts of a body
we will share with the needy
all the good that is ours,
as did Christ our Lord.
Amen

BLESSING & BESEECHING

PRAYERS FOR FOOD AND HUNGER

Gail Ramshaw

daily bible readings

Monday, August 1
Matthew 8:18-22
Psalm 34

Tuesday, August 2
Matthew 16:24-27
Psalm 67

Wednesday, August 3
Luke 15:25-32
Psalm 119:57-64

Thursday, August 4
Matthew 14:13-31
Psalm 95

Friday, August 5
Luke 15:20-24
Psalm 63

Saturday, August 6
James 2:14-17
Psalm 25

Sunday, August 7
Matthew 8:23-27
Psalm 46

Monday, August 8
Luke 15:11-19
Psalm 51:8-15

Tuesday, August 9
Luke 13:3-7
Psalm 85

Wednesday, August 10
Luke 19:41-44
Psalm 119:65-72

Thursday, August 11
Romans 3:21-26
Psalm 51:1-4

Friday, August 12
Matthew 6:1-4
Psalm 51:16-19

Saturday, August 13
John 16:29-33
Psalm 102

Sunday, August 14
Matthew 26:57-59
Psalm 73

Monday, August 15
Matthew 6:5-8
Psalm 40

Tuesday, August 16
Exodus 24:1-13
Psalm 61

Wednesday, August 17
Isaiah 53:1-6
Psalm 24

Thursday, August 18
Matthew 25:31-40
Psalm 121

Friday, August 19
Matthew 5:38-42
Psalm 1

Saturday, August 20
Matthew 7:7-12
Psalm 54

Sunday, August 21
Luke 6:46-49
Psalm 3

Monday, August 22
Romans 5:1-5
Psalm 4

Tuesday, August 23
John 14:1-7
Psalm 109

Wednesday, August 24
John 6:16-21
Psalm 119:33-40

Thursday, August 25
John 6:1-13
Psalm 6

Friday, August 26
Matthew 14:22-32
Psalm 69

Saturday, August 27
Luke 24:13-32
Psalm 116

Sunday, August 28
Matthew 15:14-30
Psalm 41

Monday, August 29
Matthew 6:25-34
Psalm 16

Tuesday, August 30
II Corinthians 4:16-18
Psalm 5

Wednesday, August 31
Philippians 3:12-16
Psalm 119:1-8

AUGUST

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15 Mary, Mother of Our Lord
24 St. Bartholomew, Apostle

August 7, 1988

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O God,
you gave our forebears bread in the
wilderness,
and you give us food on this table.
Blessed be God for ever!
With this food give us a new nature
ready to serve you in the lives of the
needy,
through Christ our Lord.
Amen

August 14, 1988

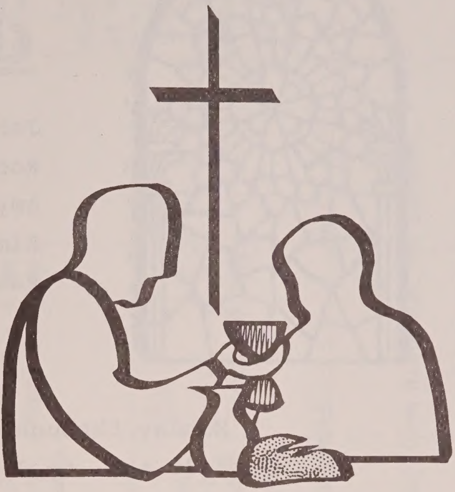
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O God,
you are our living bread.
We eat from your bounty,
and we are satisfied.
In this food give us your life,
that in being kind to one another
we may offer ourselves
to all the hungry of the world,
through Christ our Lord.
Amen

August 21, 1988

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O God our Wisdom,
you have called us to your table,
and you feed us with your food.
We praise your gracious hospitality to us.
Fill us with your Spirit
that seeing in our food your life
we may freely share it with others,
through Christ our Lord.
Amen



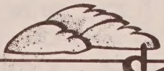
August 28, 1988

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Commemoration of Augustine

Augustine is famous for the line "Our hearts are restless till they rest in thee."

You give us comfort, O God,
and serenity to our restlessness,
as we enjoy our daily meals.
We bless you for your tender care.
Now make us restless
for the welfare of others,
until we rest in a world
of justice and peace.
Amen



BLESSING & BESEECHING

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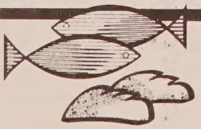

Church Staff

John R. Sabatelli, Pastor
Robert H. Mack, Associate Pastor
Amy J. Godshall, Vicar
Kimerly S. Bond, Program Director
Paul Davis, Director of Music

Office Hours

COME IN

Monday through Friday
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Nancy J. Charitonuk, Secretary
Roberta P. Yost, Assistant Secretary

SALT - A GATHERING OF

Single - 30 + years of age

Again - due to loss of spouse or loved one, because of death, divorce or separation.

Lutherans - and folks from other religious traditions.

Transforming - from despair to hope, pain to joy, dullness to creativity, separation to connection - with God, self, and others.

Kicking off with....

AN ETHNIC COVERED DISH DINNER
SATURDAY, JULY 9 AT 6:00 PM
at THE LSS BLDG, 5000 York Road

Bring food (enough for four) characteristic of your background, your culinary artistry, your current thing - or American will do - plus $3.00. A well-lit parking lot is in the rear of the LSS building. Call LSS at 532-9600 to R.S.V.P. and for more information.

JULY 1988

Compliments of Your District Representative Aid Association for Lutherans Appleton, Wisconsin 54919

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 6th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am - Holy Communion 9:45 am - Sunday Church School 11:00 am - The Service	4 Independence Day Church Office Closed 8 pm Fireworks Party	5 11:00 am Healing Service 7:30 pm Adult Study	6 6:00 pm Young Adults Supper & Game	7 10 am - 4 pm Youth Fun Day	1 8	2 9 4-8 pm Parents' Night Out
10 7th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am - The Service 9:45 am - Sunday Church School 11:00 am - Holy Communion	11	12 11:00 am Healing Service 7:30 pm Adult Study	13 6:00 pm Young Adults Supper & Game	14 Youth Camping Trip to Rehoboth Beach	15	16 12 noon wedding Ruff/Brandt
17 8th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am - Holy Communion 9:45 am - Sunday Church School 11:00 am - The Service Softball All-Star Game	18	19 11:00 am Healing Service 7:30 pm Adult Study	20 6:00 pm Young Adults Supper & Game	21 10 am - 4 pm Youth Fun Day	22 St. Mary Magdalene	23 1 pm wedding Parker/Cane 1-7 pm Family Pool Party at Schneiders
24 9th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am - The Service 9:45 am - Sunday Church School 11:00 am - Holy Communion Luther League Deck Party at Kim's	25 St. James the Elder, Apostle	26 11:00 am Healing Service 7:30 pm Adult Study	27 6:00 pm Young Adults Supper & Game Soup Kitchen Volunteers at SS Stephen & James	28 10 am - 4 pm Youth Fun Day	29	30 12 noon wedding Geoghegan/Ledger 6 pm wedding Drinks/Hatch
31 10th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am - Holy Communion 9:45 am - Sunday Church School 11:00 am - The Service Farewell Party for Vicar Godshall						

Nursery and Child Care every Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Free parking for church services in our underground garage (enter on Lee Street) until 2 p.m.

AUGUST 1988

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nursery and Child Care every Sunday from 8:30 am to 12 noon.	1	2 11:00 am Healing Service	3	4	5	6
7 11th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am - Holy Communion 9:45 am - Sunday Church School 11:00 am - The Service ← CONFIRMATION CAMP →	8	9 11:00 am Healing Service	10	11	12	13
14 12th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am - The Service 9:45 am - Sunday Church School 11:00 am - Holy Communion	15 Mary, Mother of Our Lord 7:30 pm Social Ministry Committee	16 11:00 am Healing Service	17	18	19	20 4 pm wedding Cooney/Kiddoo
21 13th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am - Holy Communion 9:45 am - Sunday Church School 11:00 am - The Service	22	23 11:00 am Healing Service 12 noon CLP Board	24 St. Bartholomew, Apostle	25	26	27
28 14th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am - The Service 9:45 am - Sunday Church School 11:00 am - Holy Communion	29	30 11:00 am Healing Service	31 Soup Kitchen Volunteers at SS Stephen & James	Free parking for church services in our underground garage (enter on Lee Street) until 2 pm.		

Christ Lutheran Church

Dear Friends,

Christ Lutheran Church, founded in 1887, is located in the heart of the newly-restored Inner Harbor area of Baltimore. With historic roots in South Baltimore, the congregation now lives throughout the metropolitan area.

The church ministers not only to those who worship in its sanctuary each Sunday, but to thousands of people who join us for the Sunday broadcast.

The educational program of the church is varied and offers something for people of all ages: Sunday Church School for adults and children meeting at 9:45 a.m.; adult and teenage forums; courses on marriage and family life and parenting; and small discussion groups.

The congregation ministers to the sick and disabled through its weekly service of healing, the John L. Deaton Medical Center and the Meals-on-Wheels program. In addition the Christ Church Harbor Apartments contain 287 units for persons of retirement age and the disabled.

Music is an important part of the parish's life. Under the direction of Dr. Paul Davis of the Peabody Institute, a series of musical programs, free of charge, are presented each year.

Currently the church is in the process of expanding its programming for young people and singles.

We are a Christ-centered community of faith serving the Greater Baltimore area. We would be delighted if you would come grow with us.

Sincerely,

John R Sabatelli

John R. Sabatelli
Pastor

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Worship 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

A variety of Christian Education opportunities for all ages — 9:45 a.m.

Child Care	9:45 a.m. — Noon

Tuesday

Discussion Group	10:00 a.m.
Healing Service	11:00 a.m.

Wednesday

(During Lent)

Worship	11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
Adult Education	7:00 p.m.

Other services and educational opportunities as announced.

Off-street parking is available on the Charles Street lot and the underground Charles-Light Street Garage on Lee Street. Free Sunday mornings.

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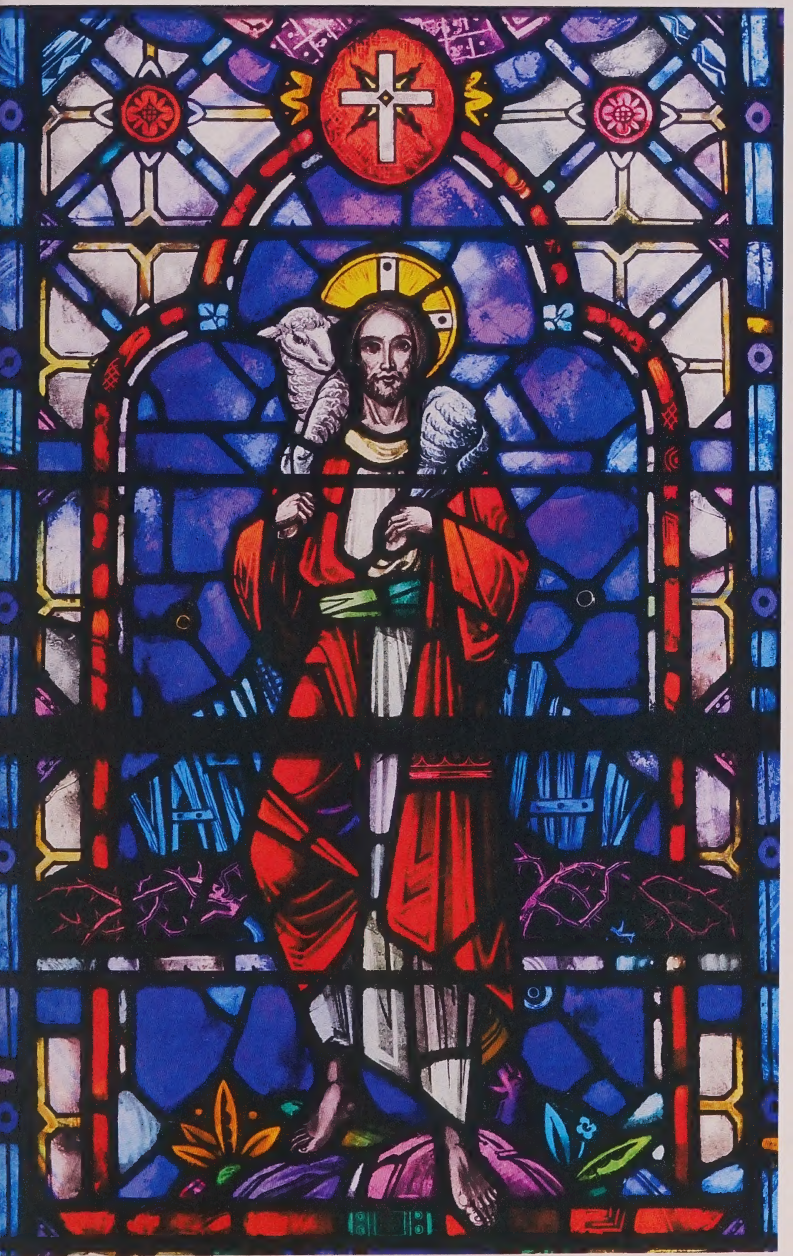
John R. Sabatelli	Pastor
Robert H. Mack	Associate Pastor
Paul Davis	Director of Music
Kimerly Bond	Director of Youth and Singles Ministries

Pastor
Sabatelli's
Retirement | Farewell June 24, 2018

Archives?



A TRIBUTE TO THE REV. DR. JOHN R. SABATELLI

Romans 8:28: *"We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."* (Pastor Sabatelli's favorite Bible verse)

Welcome to this celebration of the ministry of The Rev. Dr. John R. Sabatelli. Today also marks Pastor and Jane's 40th wedding anniversary.

Pastor Sabatelli was ordained on October 3, 1971, by the Metropolitan New York Synod. He served two churches in Wantagh and Islip Terrace, New York, both also named Christ Lutheran, before coming to Baltimore. On January 24, 1983, Pastor Sabatelli became the sixth Senior Pastor in our congregation's almost 100 years.

For nearly three decades at Christ Church, Pastor Sabatelli has powerfully preached God's Word and faithfully administered the sacraments. Our church's worship experience has been continually enhanced through majestic traditional Eucharist services each Sunday, contemplative Wednesday evening services and Bible study sessions, and an informal contemporary Holy Communion service each week.

Christian education has remained an ongoing priority of our Pastor. Regularly, parishioners -- from the youngest nursery school student to the most senior adult -- are nourished by God's Word through a variety of interactive and interesting classes.

The new Andover organ, several rounds of extensive building renovations throughout the years, and construction of the Lutheran Center will be long-term contributions of his tenure.

Under Pastor Sabatelli's inspired leadership, Christ Church has focused on direct hands-on service to the poor and needy. The homeless shelter for women and children in the undercroft, tutoring and other initiatives in our neighborhood public schools, and a vibrant health ministry have contributed significantly to the quality of Baltimore's community life.

In the wider church, Pastor Sabatelli has served as the chair of the Board of the Lutheran Community Foundation, the president and chair of several stewardship committees for the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, PA and as a presenter for the Lutheran Laity Movement and the Blue Ribbon Committee for Churchwide Support. He was also named a Distinguished Pastor-in-Residence and was a recipient of the Muhlenberg Award for Excellence in Parish Ministry, both from Philadelphia Seminary.

He has held numerous positions in the Delaware-Maryland Synod, including Dean of the Conference multiple times. In addition to serving as an advisor to several urban congregations in their revitalization efforts, he has been a mentor to many seminary students and newly-ordained pastors over the years.

On May 20, 2007, Pastor Sabatelli was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree from his alma mater, the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

Now, at the end of his almost three decades as our Pastor, he has positioned Christ Church as the preeminent Lutheran urban congregation on the East Coast.

As important as these contributions have been to the life of our beloved congregation, what most people will probably miss the most is Pastor Sabatelli's total dedication to pastoral care. Presiding over a joyous wedding, baptizing our newest family member, visiting members on the morning of a serious operation to bring again the news of God's continuing care for us, and saying just the right things at the funeral of a dear friend or loved one may very well be how we will remember our Pastor most fondly.

Today, we wish "Godspeed" to Pastor and Jane and pray for a long and healthy life in retirement.

Pastor Sabatelli's Retirement Planning Committee

Susan Borsuk, Nancy Charitonuk, Connie Crabtree-Burritt, Kenneth Homer, Bruce Kirby, Carol Morgan, Gloria Paar, Brenda Perry, Edgar Schick, Donna Spencer, and Ronald Thomas (chair)

THE PASTOR'S PORTRAIT

Pastor Sabatelli's portrait by Ron Primm is filled with symbolism related to his call as a pastor of the church to the Holy Office of Word and Sacraments.

The portrait is set in the baptistry of the church. The baptismal font and the Eucharistic vestments that Pastor Sabatelli is wearing are symbols of the church's sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. The vestments, given by Joan and Stephen Wright in memory of her parents, George and Emma Potee, include a stole under the chasuble. The stole represents the yoke of Christ.

The carved crosses on the baptismal font and the fleurs-de-lis painted on the baptistry walls are symbols of the faith of the church and the content of its preaching. The heart of the church's preaching and teaching is the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus, through whom the world is reconciled to God. The fleur-de-lis is an ancient symbol of the Holy Trinity and of the Virgin Mary through whom the Holy Trinity was made manifest in the world.

Soli Deo Gloria! To God Alone the Glory!

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The Nativity of St. John the Baptist June 24, 2012

THE HOLY EUCHARIST AND SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING, FAREWELL AND GODSPEED UPON THE RETIREMENT OF THE REVEREND DOCTOR JOHN R. SABATELLI

3:00 p.m.

Welcome to worship at Christ Church!
In order to maintain the reverence appropriate to a worship service, we ask that you please refrain from conversation during the prelude and service.

Turn off all cell phones, pagers, and similar devices so they will not interrupt the service.

Photography and recording devices are not permitted during the service.

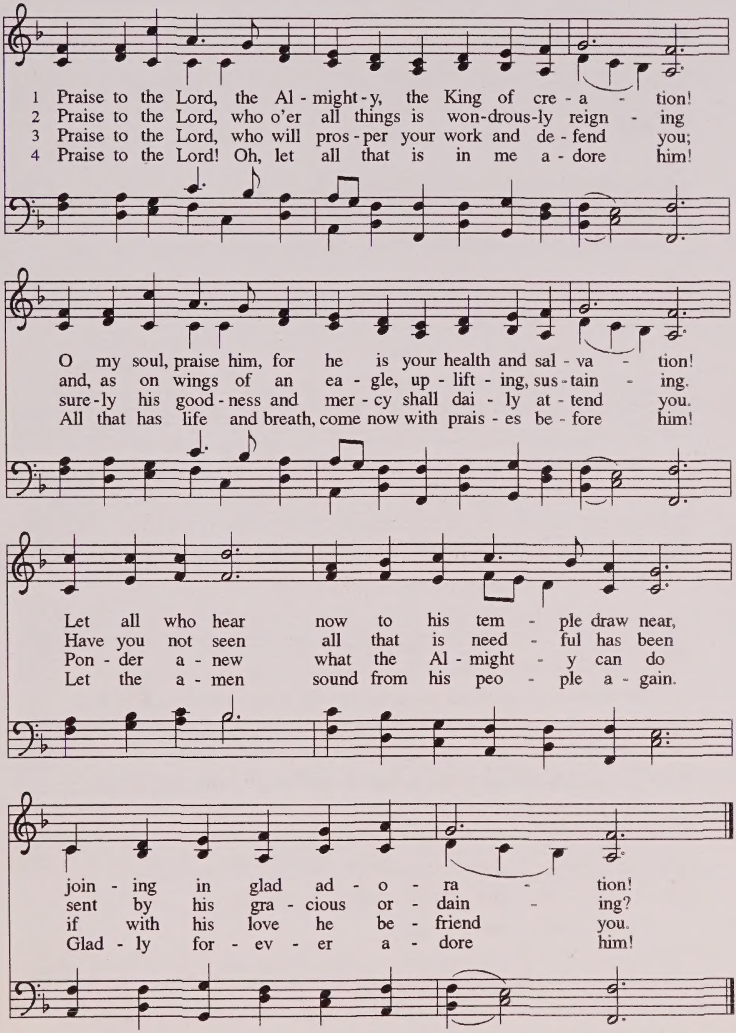
HYMNS ON CARILLON **Frank Hubbard, Carillonneur**

PRELUDE **Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 545**
Johann Sebastian Bach
Trumpet Voluntary
William Boyce
Elisa Koehler, trumpet

WELCOME **Dr. Ronald Thomas, Chair**
Transition and Farewell Committees
Master of Ceremonies

Stand and Face the Processional Cross

HYMN..***Lobe Den Herren***


1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!
Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.
join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
if with his love he be - friend you.
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

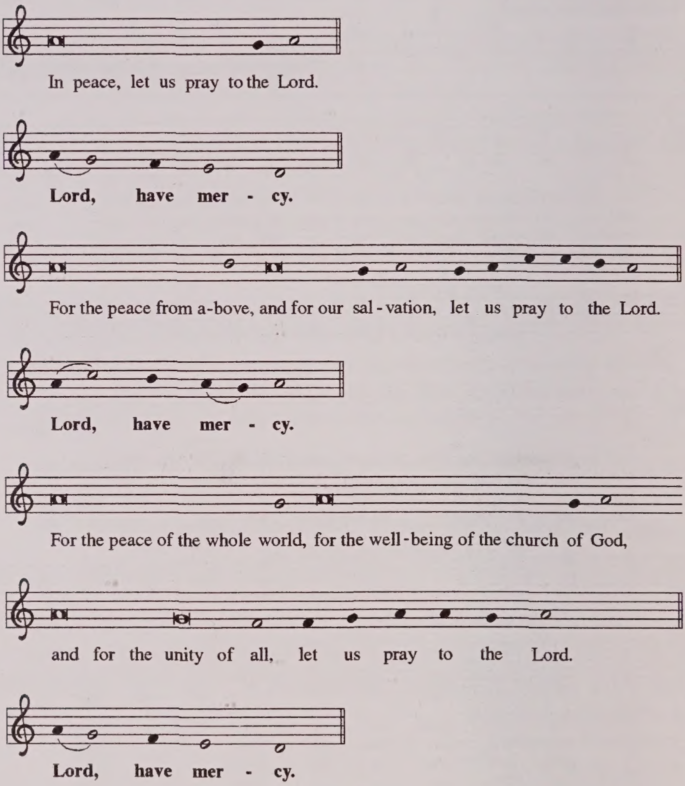
Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

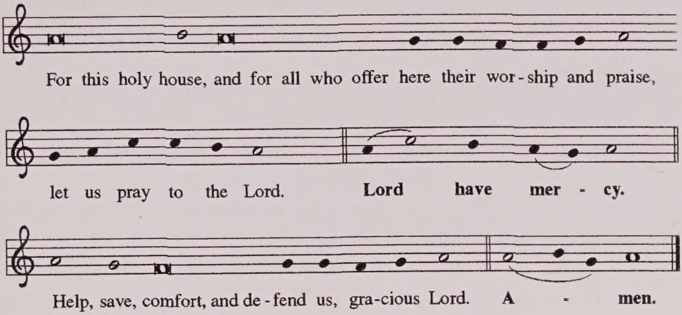
GREETING

P The grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

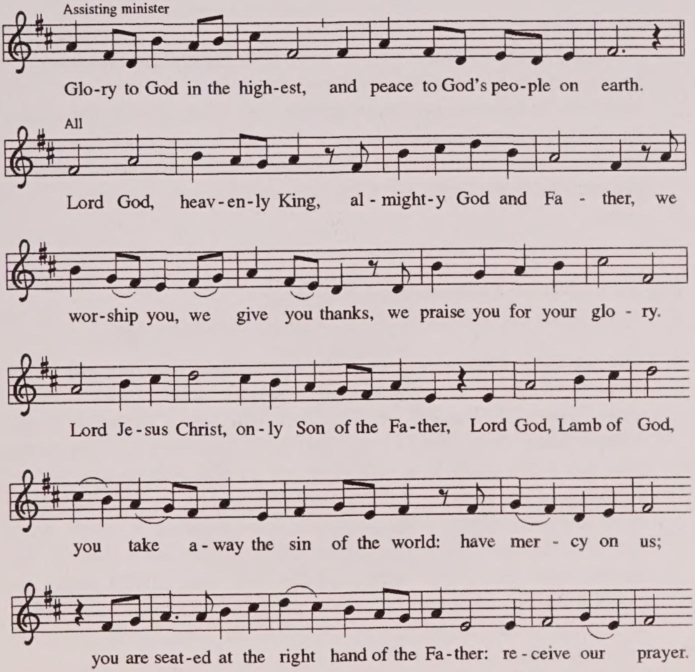
C And also with you.

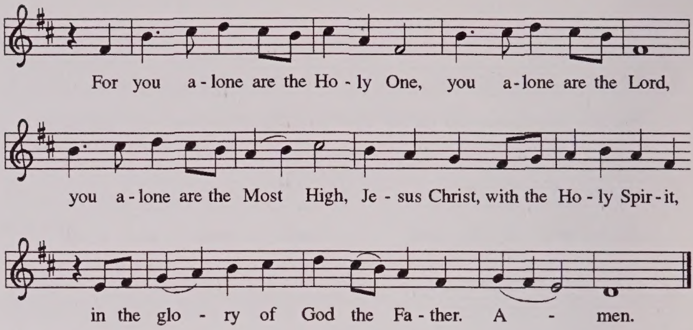
KYRIE


In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

GLORIA


Assisting minister
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
All
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa - ther, we
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.


For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Let us pray.
Almighty God, we praise you for raising up faithful pastors who proclaim your Word of judgment and grace, and who call your church to its mission and renew its life. We thank you for the ministry of your son and servant, John, and for all who serve in this place, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen

Sit

FIRST LESSON: Lamentations 3:22-33

L The first lesson is from the 3rd chapter of Lamentations.

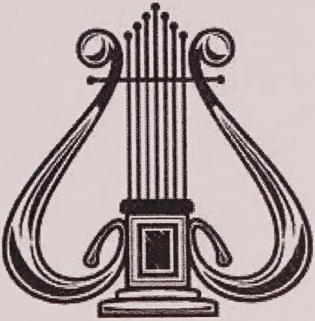
L The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him." The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, to sit alone in silence when the LORD has imposed it, to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults. For the LORD will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM **Praise Ye the Lord**
John Rutter
Dave Sigmon, baritone

Praise ye the Lord.
Praise God in his holiness:
  praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him in his noble acts:
  praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet:
  praise him upon the lute and harp.
Praise him in the cymbals and dances:
  praise him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals:
  praise him upon the loud cymbals.
Let every thing that hath breath:
  praise the Lord.
Praise ye the Lord.

- Psalm 150



SECOND LESSON: Philippians 1:3-7a, 2:1-11

L The second lesson is from the 1st and 2nd chapters of Philippians.

L I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

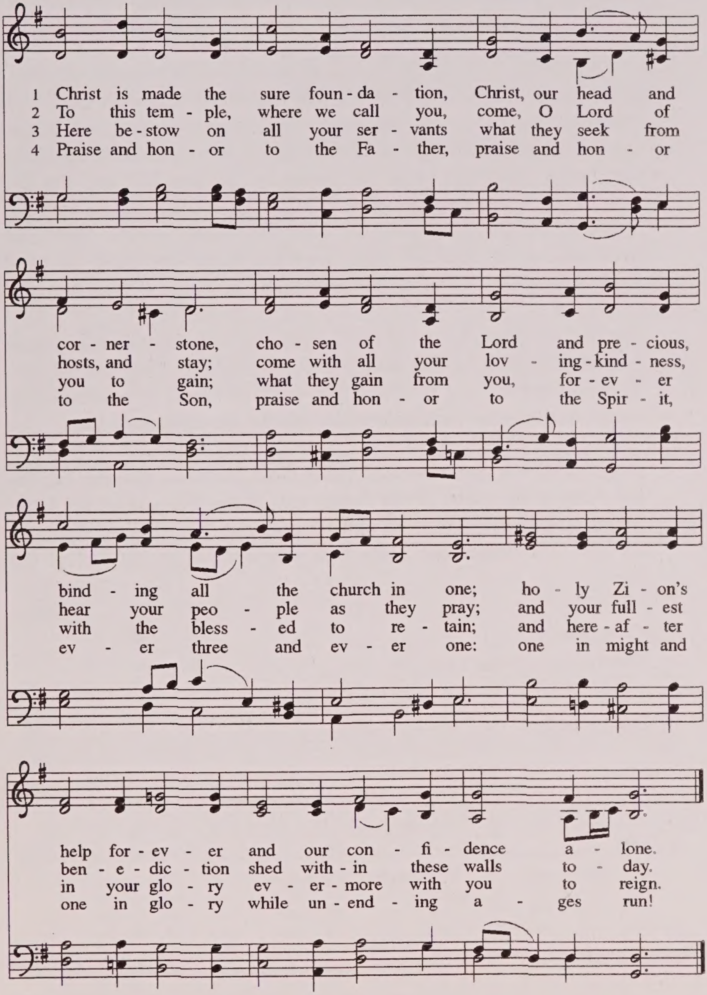
C Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL PROCESSION

HYMN..*Westminster Abbey*

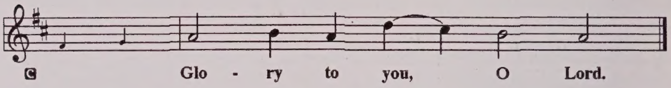
Verses 1-2


1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or
cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,
bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and
help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

GOSPEL: John 1:1-5, 14; 3:16-17; Matthew 28:19-20

G The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st and 3rd chapters, and according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.



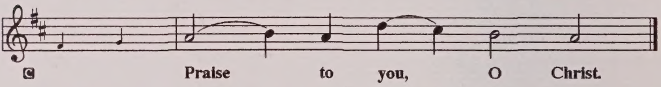
G In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

[Jesus said] “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

After the reading:

G The Gospel of the Lord.



HYMN...***Westminster Abbey***

Verses 3-4, see page 11

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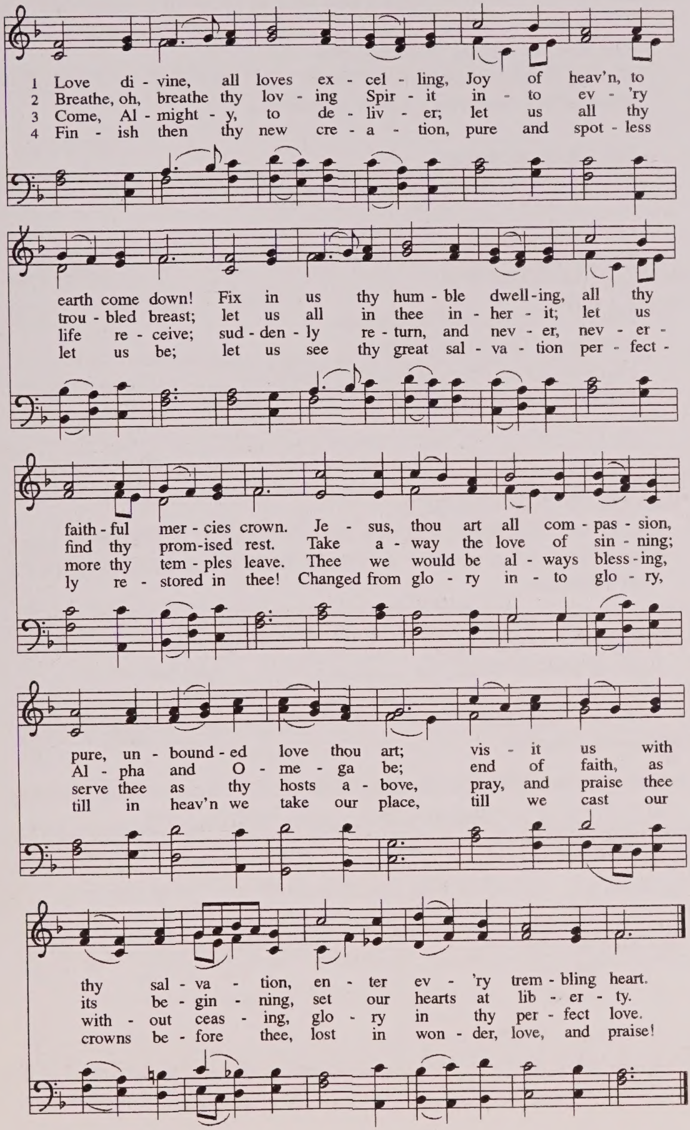
SERMON...**Pastor Sabatelli**

Stand

HYMN……………………………………………………………***Hyfrydol***


1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less
earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -
faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,
pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our
thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

Sit

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Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

A Led by the Holy Spirit, and with the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

After each petition of the prayers:

A Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen

EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE

P	The peace of the Lord be with you always.
**C	And also with you.**

(The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

Sit

OFFERING

The offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared.

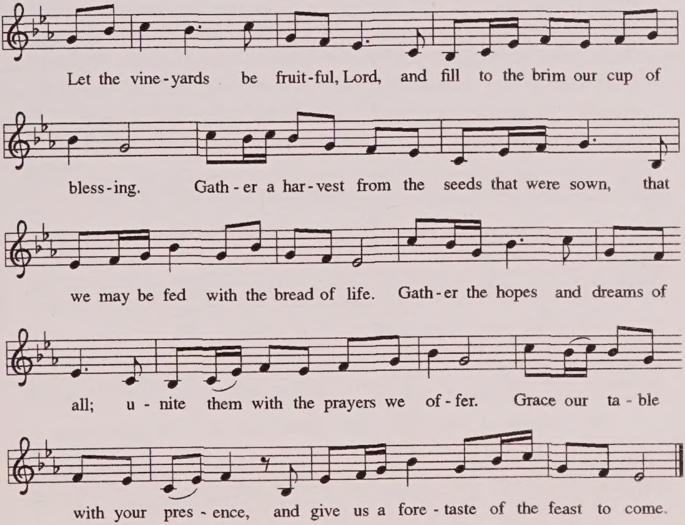
ANTHEM

God So Loved the World
Bob Chilcott

> God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son
> that whoso believeth in him should not perish
> but have everlasting life.
>
> - John 3:16

Stand

OFFERTORY


Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.
Gracious God,

C as you have blessed us with many gifts, with time, and talents, and money, so receive these offerings from the bounty you give us. Through this meal unite us as your body, that we may be light to all people and nations; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

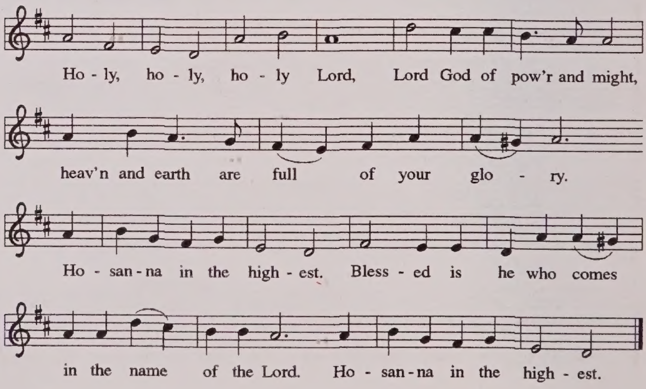
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of the saints—bishops, pastors, deacons and the laity—you show us the hope of our calling, and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy, and rejoice in glory. And so with John the Baptist and with Leander, Oscar, John, Warren and Carl and all the saints with the choirs of angels and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.
C Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

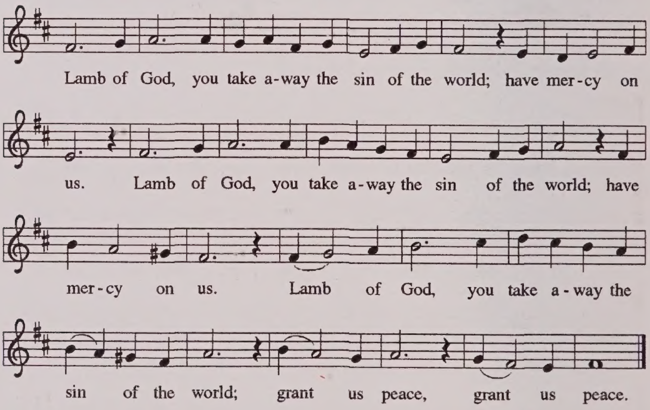
C **Our Father, who art in heaven,**
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen

P We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
C **We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.**

P Draw near and receive the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, in remembrance that he died for us. Let us feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Sit

COMMUNION


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

ANTHEM **Erschallet, ihr Lieder from Cantata No. 172**
Johann Sebastian Bach

Erschallet, ihr Lieder, erklinget, ihr Saiten!
O seligste Zeiten!
Gott will sich die Seelen zu Tempeln bereiten.

Ring out, you songs, resound, you strings!
O most blessed time!
God shall prepare our souls for His temple.

- attr. Salomon Franck

All baptized Christians are invited by the Lord to share faithfully in the Holy Communion. At Christ Church, children receive Holy Communion for the first time upon agreement of the parents and pastors. Instruction for first communion is offered several times a year. In this sacrament, by the power of God's Word and the Holy Spirit, we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ, along with the bread and wine. If mobility is a problem, communion will be brought to you.

Those individuals who for personal reasons do not wish to receive wine may place their left hand on their chest and the communion assistant will give them grape juice.

For those with wheat allergies, gluten-free hosts are available. Place your left hand on your chest and the communion server will give you a gluten-free host. The Chalices closest to the pastors are the common cup. The other chalices are for intiction. The trays are for those who prefer to receive grape juice.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION: 838, 517, 865, 463

Stand

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

Sit

ANTHEM

Worthy Is the Lamb from *Messiah*
George Frideric Handel

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain,
and hath redeemed us to God by His blood,
to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength,
and honor, and glory, and blessing.

Blessing and honor, glory and power, be unto Him, be unto Him
that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever.

- Revelation 5:12,13

Stand

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray.
God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

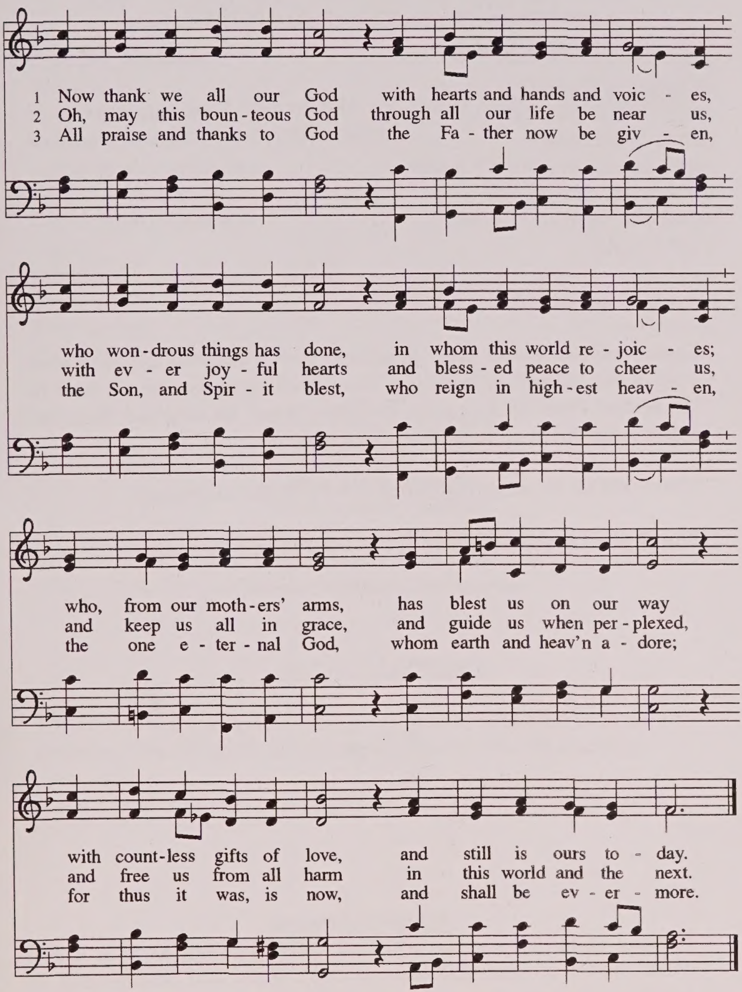
BENEDICTION

B The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the Name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Face the Processional Cross as it moves down the aisle.

HYMN……………………………………………***Nun Danket Alle Gott***


1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,
who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high-est heav - en,
who, from our moth-ers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per-plexed,
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;
with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

DISMISSAL

A Rejoicing in the love of God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, go in peace to proclaim the Gospel and serve the neighbor.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE **Now Thank We All Our God from Cantata No. 79**
Johann Sebastian Bach; arr. Virgil Fox

Pastor and Jane will greet members and friends at the reception held in the fellowship hall. For those needing to use the elevator to the second floor of the parish building, it can be accessed from the coffee hour room opposite the church parlor.

There will be no receiving line as you leave the sanctuary.

Thank you for participating in this afternoon's worship.

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Communion Assistants	Darren Anderson, Bill Shupe
Lector	Edgar Schick
Crucifer	Alex Herd
Torchbearers	Haley and Kendall Reitz
Book Bearer	Steven Croyder
Communion Presenters	Luis and Maria Arrazola

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Jesse Tubb, trumpet
Elisa Koehler, trumpet
Mike Buckley, trombone
Mike Bravin, trombone
Donna DiStefano, percussion

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of our Grandpa, John Sabatelli, from Rebecca, Madeleine and Alexandra.

For routine business,
please call the staff at church at 410-752-7179

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WE INVITE VISITORS TO UNITE WITH
OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

I am the good shepherd.
I know my own and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father.
And I lay down my life for the sheep.

John 10: 14,15

JESUS, THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is pictured wearing a noble,
kingly robe carrying a sheep on his shoulder.
In the background can be seen the thicket and fences
which represent the dangers from which the
shepherd gently leads his sheep.
The image of God as the Good Shepherd has an important place in both the
Old Testament
(Psalms 23 & 100:3; Ez. 34:11-13; Is. 40:11)
and the New Testament
(Luke 15:3-7; John 10:1-18).
God is contrasted with the false shepherd who feeds
himself rather than his sheep.
God is the Good Shepherd who goes out to seek the
sheep which are lost, crippled, and straying
in order to bring them back to their home pasture.
The cross, placed prominently, at the top of the window
reminds us of the Shepherd's great sacrifice for
his sheep and serves as a guide to keep us,
his sheep, from straying.

This entire window is a representation of verses from
Henry W. Baker's (1821-1877) great hymn -

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee dear Lord, beside me,
thy rod and staff my comfort still;
thy cross before to guide me.

And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever. (ELW 502)

Detail from the center lancet,
The Prophet's Window,
North Wall, Christ Lutheran Church, Baltimore, Maryland
Photo by Jim Wilmer

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Proclaim. Serve. Invite.

The 50th Ordination Anniversary
of Pastor Emeritus
The Rev. Dr. John R. Sabatelli

SABATELLI AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Under Pastor Sabatelli's Leadership, Direct Service to Others by Christ Church Took on New, Dynamic Directions

In January 1983, the Rev. John R. Sabatelli became the sixth pastor of Christ Church. Under his dynamic leadership:

- The congregation built on its existing ministries to the sick and elderly
- The quality of the music program was enhanced significantly through the installation of a magnificent, new 81-stop Andover organ
- New opportunities to worship were added in a variety of formats, including weekly contemporary and Wednesday evening candlelight services, and
- Programs expanded for members and friends to learn, socialize, and grow spiritually.

The Ministry of Word and Sacrament was enhanced through the weekly celebration of the Holy Communion and Dr. Sabatelli's high level of pastoral care and thought-provoking sermons centering on God's Word.

A daily nursery school was established, and tutoring programs were started at neighboring elementary schools. Pastor Sabatelli served as a mentor for several members of the congregation who entered the ministry, as well as for seminary interns and pastors from neighboring churches.

In June of 1996, the congregation sold the Deaton Hospital and Medical Center to the University of Maryland Medical System. The money received allowed the church's ministries to grow in a variety of ways, including supporting the work of seminaries and upgrading the traditional and contemporary worship spaces.

Opening a temporary shelter for homeless men in the church's lower hall led over time to another major commitment to direct social ministry under Pastor Sabatelli's leadership: the establishment, in 2002, of the non-profit Baltimore Outreach Services, Inc. (BOS).

BOS provides emergency shelter, food, clothing, housing, job training, and other supportive services to homeless women and children who live in the church undercroft for several months until they are found suitable housing. Since the opening of the shelter, the church facility has been used 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. More than 2,000 women have been served, and 50 families moved to below-market-rate transitional housing (also owned by BOS), following job training and securing permanent employment facilitated by the shelter staff.

Dr. Sabatelli retired as Christ Church's Senior Pastor in 2012. Since then, he has served as the Interim Pastor of three congregations. We are pleased to recognize Pastor Sabatelli on the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

By Ronald Thomas

Thank you for joining us to celebrate our Pastor Emeritus, the Rev. Dr. John Sabatelli's five decades of ministry. On behalf of all congregants he served, interns and candidates for ordination he mentored, pastoral colleagues, staff members, boards, and committees he served with, we rejoice and mark this milestone celebration.

On behalf of the wider church, synodical and church-wide committees, and congregations he served as a pastor, vice pastor, and interim pastor, we give thanks.

As one of the seventeen interns Pastor Sabatelli welcomed and supervised at Christ Church, it is such a joy to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination. Well done, good and faithful servant! (Matthew 25:23a)

To God be the glory!

Pastor Amsalu T. Geleta, DMin

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 3, 2021

Holy Communion
11:00 a.m.

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

Are you visiting or would you like to become more engaged with Christ Church? Please scan this QR code.

Hearing devices and large print bulletins are available in the narthex.

☩ GATHERING ☩

The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day of the week. (Isaiah 48:14 John 4:23-24 Acts 20:7)

PRELUDE **Praeludium in C Major, BuxWV 137**
Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We worship on the first day of the week because our Savior was raised on that day. Every Sunday celebrates the Lord's Resurrection.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

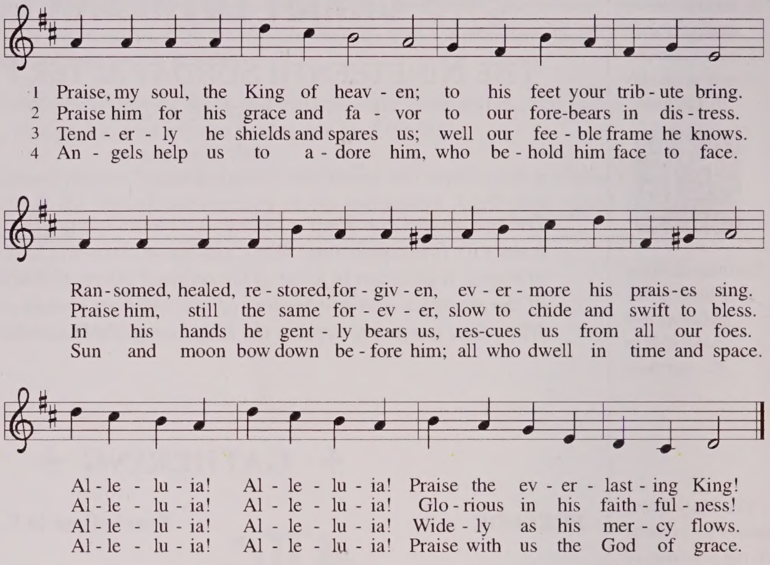
God our comforter:
like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

We confess our sins to God and receive God's assurance of forgiveness. (I John 1:8-9; Eph. 4:32; I Jn. 2:12)

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in ☩ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN ELW 865

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" *Praise, My Soul*


1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your trib - ute bring.
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis - tress.
3 Tend - er - ly he shields and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows.
4 An - gels help us to a - dore him, who be - hold him face to face.
Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing.
Praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
In his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
Sun and moon bow down be - fore him; all who dwell in time and space.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly as his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

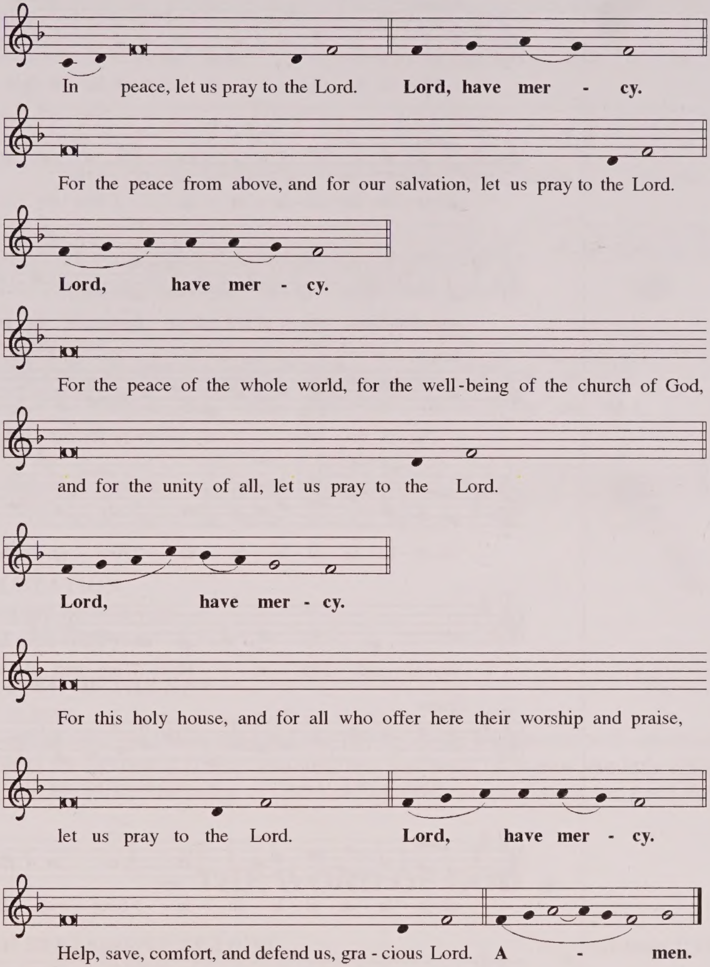
APOSTOLIC GREETING

(2 Corinthians 13:13-14)

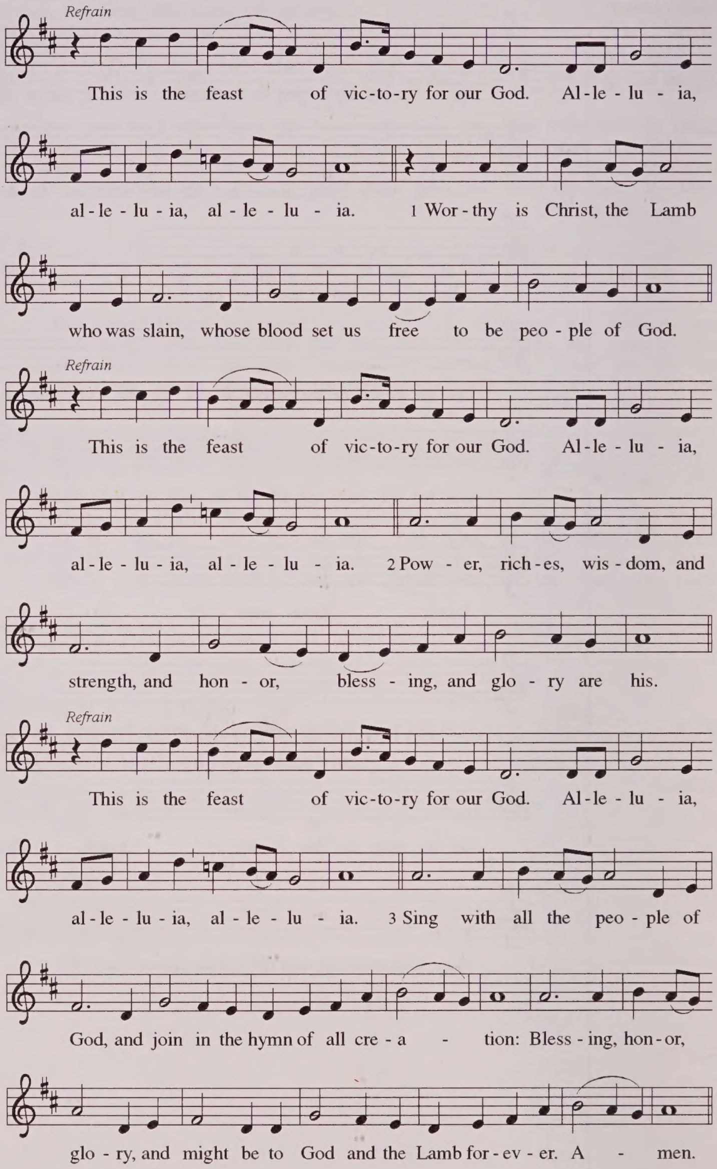
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

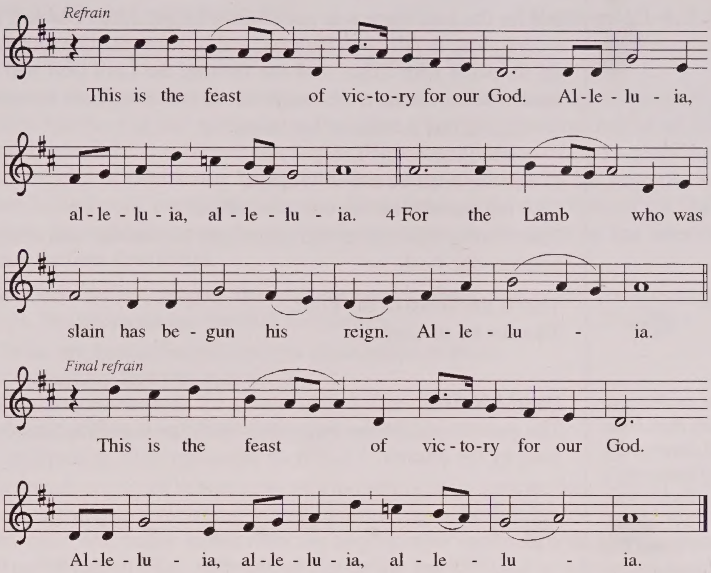
We ask for
God's mercy.
(Luke 17:13;
18-38-39,
Psalm 123:3)

KYRIE


In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE


Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.
Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 3 Sing with all the peo-ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,
glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.


Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

This prayer "collects" the theme of the day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

✢ THE WORD OF GOD ✢

Sit

This reading is typically from the Hebrew Scriptures, which Jesus often quoted.

OLD TESTAMENT READING **Genesis 2:18-24**

The first reading is from the 2nd chapter of Genesis.

The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field;

but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
  and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
  for out of Man this one was taken."

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

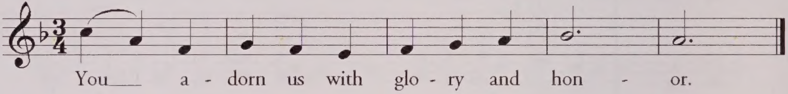
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The psalms are prayers that Jesus ised and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. Psalms are he hymnbooks of the children of Israel.

PSALMODY

Psalm 8

The quartet will intone the refrain and then it will be sung by all. The verses will be sung by the quartet.



O Lord our Lord,
  how exalted is your name in all the world!
Out of the mouths of infants and children
  your majesty is praised above the heavens;
you have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,
  to quell the enemy and the avenger.
When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
  the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
what is man that you should be mindful of him,
  the son of man that you should seek him out? **R**

You have made him but little lower than the angels;
  you adorn him with glory and honor.
You give him mastery over the works of your hands;
  you put all things under his feet:
all sheep and oxen,
  even the wild beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
  and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
O Lord our Lord,
  how exalted is your name in all the world! **R**

This reading bears witness to the early church.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

The second reading is from the 1st and 2nd chapters of Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
  or mortals, that you care for them?
You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
  you have crowned them with glory and honor,
  subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

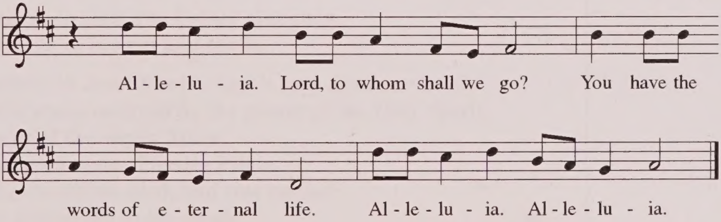
"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
  in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

We acclaim the living Word, Jesus Christ, present in the gospel reading.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

An appointed reading of God's Word from the four Gospels. (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)

HOLY GOSPEL **Mark 10:2-16**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

CHILDREN'S TIME

"Viva Vox," the Living Word of God interpreted. (Romans 10:14-17)

SERMON **Pastor Emeritus John Sabatelli**

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SERMON HYMN

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"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

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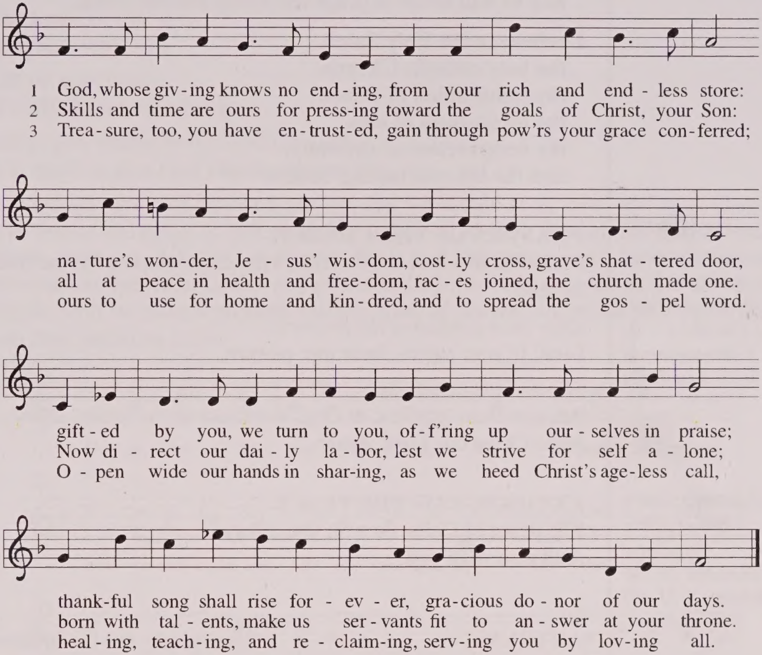
1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:
2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred;
na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,
all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.
gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;
O - pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,
thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim-ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

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Ancient church councils adopted the summary of the church's faith in the Nicene, Apostles' and Athanasian Creeds.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. (I Timothy 2:1-2; I Thessalonians 5:17; Acts 2:42)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

After each portion of the prayers:
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

The prayers conclude:
Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Extending God's word of peace to others. (Romans 16:16; Matthew 5:23-24)

EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Sit

ANTHEM

"How lovely are the messengers" from *St. Paul*
Felix Mendelssohn

> How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace. To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings.
>
> \- Romans 10:15,18

Stand

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of abundance,
you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

✢ THE EUCHARISTIC MEAL ✢

Before the Lord's supper is shared, the presiding minister leads us into thanksgiving. (Psalm 15:1)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

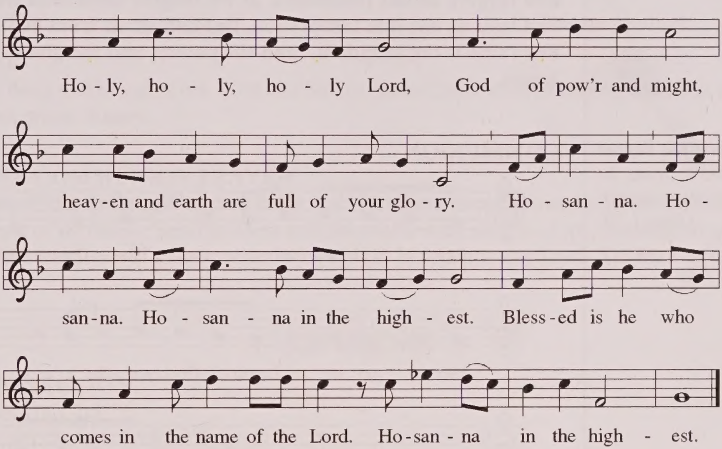
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God. (Isaiah 6:3)


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

In these words, Jesus institutes the sacrament for the church. (Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24 Luke 22:19-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven. You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Jesus teaches his disciples to pray. (Luke 11:2-4; Matthew 6:9-13)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

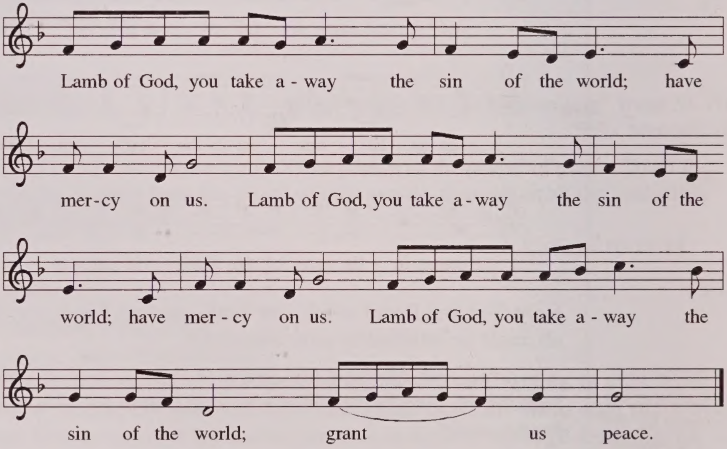
Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.

Sit

As John the Baptist pointed to Jesus, he said these words. (John 1:29)

COMMUNION



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

All baptized Christians are invited by the Lord to share faithfully in the Holy Communion. Please process to the front of church to receive the bread and an individual cup of wine or grape juice. After receiving, the cup should be placed in the basket. If mobility is a problem, communion will be brought to you.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

TRIO **A True Hymn**

Rebecca Jones Trout
Sarah Berger, soprano
Rebecca Berger, mezzo-soprano
Rebecca Trout, alto

> My Joy, my Life, my Crown! My heart was meaning all the day, Somewhat it fain would say, And still it runneth muttering up and down With only this, My Joy, my Life, my Crown! Yet slight not those few words; If truly said, they may take part Among the best in art: The fineness which a hymn or psalm affords Is, when the soul unto the lines accord. He who craves all the mind, And all the soul, and strength, and time, If the words only rhyme, Justly complains that somewhat is behind To make His verse, or write a hymn in kind. Whereas if the heart be moved, Although the verse be somewhat scant, God doth supply the want; As when the heart says, sighing to be approved, "O, could I love!" and stops, God writeth, "Loved."
>
> - George Herbert

Stand
The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Remembering and thanking. (Luke 2:29-32; Psalm 118:1)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

A personal blessing from God in the name of the Triune God. (Numbers 6:24-26)

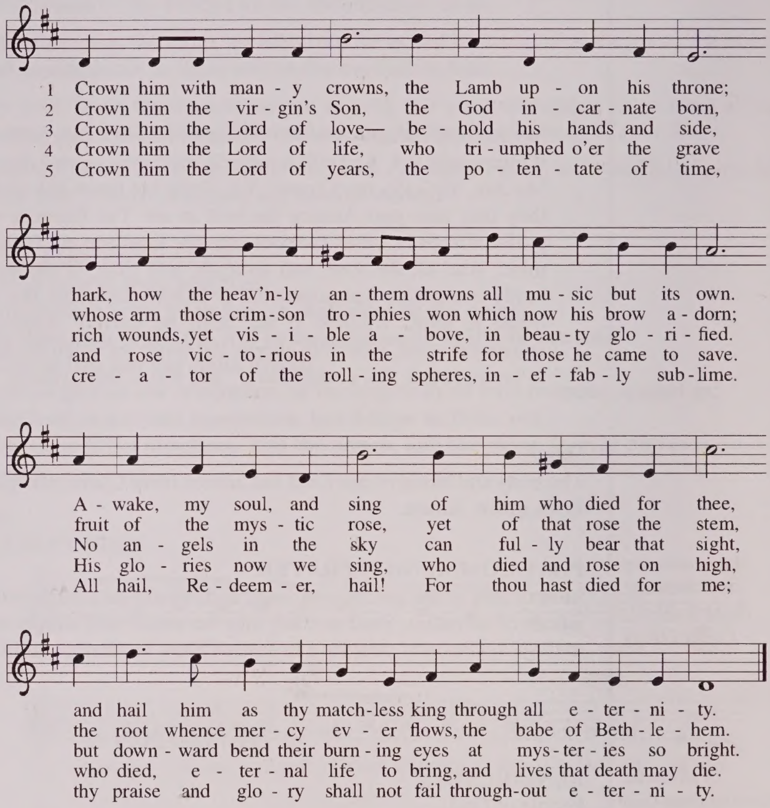
BENEDICTION

People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

On our way rejoicing. (Colossians 3:16; Philippians 4:4)

CLOSING HYMN **ELW 855**

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" *Diademata*


1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,
hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.
A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;
and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

We go forth to bless the world. (Luke 7:50; Romans 10:12-13)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE **Grand Chœur**

Théodore Salomé

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Gains slight in city school reading tests

Grades 1 and 2 rise but 3, 4 and 5 falter in basic skills testing

'A long way to go'

City reading reform registers modest gain; math effort to begin

By Liz Bowie
SUN STAFF

More inside

Success: Baltimore's experiment in scripted, heavily phonics-based instruction begins to produce results. [*Page 7A*]

Maryland: State officials and educators announce reading and school safety initiatives. [*Page 1B*]

The efforts of the Baltimore public schools to reform reading instruction have produced modest gains in test scores for first- and second-graders during the past year, but the majority of the city's children are still reading far below the national average.

According to results of standardized tests given this spring and released yesterday, 45 percent of first-graders read at or above grade level, compared with 40 percent the previous spring. Second-graders improved from 36 percent to 38 percent.

City school officials said yesterday that they were encouraged by the results of the Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills.

"We are not going to turn a system around in two or three years," said Robert Booker, chief executive officer of Baltimore schools. But he added: "We've reversed the trend of schools failing the children."

In contrast to the first- and second-graders, third-, fourth- and fifth-grade reading scores and math scores in all elementary grades remained unchanged or dipped slightly. In fact, third-grade reading scores declined at more than half of the city's elementary schools.

The performance is seen by experts outside the system as modest progress, the kind that might be expected at the start of reading reform. "While we want to commend the progress they have made, we certainly know they need to ratchet up the effort," said state schools Superintendent Nancy S. Grasmick.

For two years, educators have sought to reform Baltimore's troubled public school system, [*See Reading, 7A*]

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■ Trails: *Bicycle advocates in a smog-bound city say a 110-mile network of bike trails is the avenue to reducing traffic and pollution.*

By GEORGIA N. ALEXAKIS
SUN NATIONAL STAFF

ATLANTA — In a city overrun with interstate highways and clouded in smog, the workday never ends at 5 p.m.

For Atlanta's car-bound commuters, leaving the office is just when tension begins to build. Stress levels rise in the race to get home — to get off the maze of roads that crisscross the suburbs; to turn off the radio and its nonstop traffic reports; to pull into the garage, turn off the engine and savor the time left before the rush-hour routine will have to be repeated the next morning.

Of course, bumper-to-bumper traffic is hardly unique to Atlanta. Drivers in Washington, New York, Los Angeles and elsewhere share similar headaches. But here, sidewalks are afterthoughts in urban planning, and the skeletal subway system is just beginning to gain popularity. Pollution is so heavy that the federal government two years ago barred the 13-county metropolitan area from building new highways until it met national emission standards.

Traffic seems to be Atlanta's trademark, rivaling even Coca-Cola and media mogul Ted Turner. And for years, there were few plans to change.

Enter PATH, a 9-year-old organization that since 1996 has pushed the city to fully adopt its Greenway Trail Corridor Plan.

Spearheaded by an Atlanta native named Ed McBrayer, the proposal would bring 110 miles of
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City reading reform scores modest gains

[*Reading, from Page 1A*]

focusing much of their efforts and new money from the state on improving reading in the lower grades. The school board cut class size to 22 pupils in first through third grades, instituted a new phonics-based reading program in elementary schools and retrained many of its elementary teachers. School officials attributed the increase in scores to those efforts.

Reform measures in math instruction will begin this year with new textbooks and a plan to retrain math teachers.

Sam Stringfield, a city school board member and an educational researcher at the Johns Hopkins University, said the reading gains in the early grades, while small, are educationally significant.

"We know we have a long way to go," Stringfield said. "We shouldn't get terribly discouraged or terribly excited along the road."

School officials said they were heartened by the fact that 72 of 111 elementary schools showed improvement in first-grade reading scores.

Poor areas share success

Some of the best scores overall came from some schools in the city's poorer neighborhoods, as well as from the perennial high performers such as Roland Park, Woodholme and Mount Washington.

Thomas Johnson Elementary School in South Baltimore showed the most dramatic improvement, increasing its reading scores in every grade and its math scores in all but one grade. Principal Tom Bowmann said yesterday that his teachers and staff had celebrated the victory earlier in the week. "It can be done," he said.

At Thomas Johnson, only 37 percent of the children were reading at the national average in the spring of 1998. By this spring, 67 percent were at or above the national average.

"We are ecstatic," Bowmann said.

While the new reading program helped increase scores, he said, much of the change can be attributed to the change in attitude toward reading. The Orioles promised to treat every pupil in the school to an Orioles game if they collectively read 8,000 books. With that incentive, pupils read some 11,000 books and in the process changed their feelings about reading for fun.

Bowmann said parents played an important part in the improvement by reading to their children.

Other schools that were high scorers in reading in the early grades included Hampden, Barclay and Cecil. And first-graders at Pimlico Elementary School, which draws children from a high-poverty area, had test scores equal to those at Mount Washington.

Lyndhurst Elementary's scores for first-graders soared nearly 20 points to the national average.

School officials said they had not yet analyzed the scores to see whether schools that had used a particular method for improvement did better than the average. But it appeared that schools that had used Direct Instruction — a highly scripted, phonics-based program — for several years had improved their scores above the systemwide average.

New schools slip

Scores declined at three new schools run by groups outside the public school system. Scores Midtown Academy, operated by parents, and New Song Academy, run by a church of the same name, were down slightly, although still above the city average in most grades. At Callaway Elementary, which until this summer was run by a nonprofit group formed by Payne Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church, reading and math scores dropped in every grade.

> *"We know we have a long way to go. We shouldn't get terribly discouraged or terribly excited along the road."*
>
> **Sam Stringfield,** *school board member*

The overall results did not have school officials or educational experts applauding, but several said the public should recognize that it may take three to five years to see the effects of educational reforms.

"In a large urban system that faces the problems that Baltimore does, I think you have to expect long-term improvement rather than overnight quick fixes," said Steven Ferrara, a specialist in test development and research at the American Institutes for Research in Washington.

'Need to do more'

Laura Weeldreyer, education director at Advocates for Children and Youth, said she had hoped for better. "An advance is better than a retreat but a bigger advance is needed. It is a sign that we need to do more."

The fact that scores increased in grades one and two has some education experts wondering whether the new textbook series by Open Court, which was used in kindergarten through second grade, may have been more effective for Baltimore students than the Houghton Mifflin textbooks that are being used in grades three through five.

Grasmick is interested in looking at that connection, said Ron Peiffer, a spokesman for the state superintendent.

The Open Court textbooks use a heavy dose of phonics to teach reading while the Houghton Mifflin books emphasis literature.

Unfriendly welcome: *A German soldier stands* [illegible] *Albanians from Orahovac. Meanwhile, several hundred Serbs rallied in their part of the town in support of the Russians.*

Local Albanians contend that Russian mercenaries fought with the Serbs during President Slobodan Milosevic's 18-month crackdown on Kosovo separatists.

Mustafe Haxhimustafa, 29, said the protesters can stay for as long as they like because they have little other work to do.

"The fields that could have given us bread have been destroyed by Russians and Serbs," he said. "And we have women at home who can take care of the cattle."

In the Serbian quarter, several hundred Orahovac Serbs rallied in support of the Russians, shouting "Serbia, Serbia, we want Russians! We won't give up the Russians, KLA out!"

In Washington, U.S. State Department spokesman James B. Foley said officials expect the situation to be resolved with the Russian troops taking over operations in Orahovac.

"The fact is that we believe that Russian troops will act evenhandedly, they will fulfill their mandate in Orahovac, just as they have done elsewhere in Kosovo," he said.

Kosovo's dwindling Serbian population trusts Russians — fellow Slavs — more than NATO to protect them from ethnic Albanians seeking revenge for atrocities committed under Milosevic.

A spokesman for the Serbian community, Jovan Durisic, said Serbs were insisting on Russian protection "because we are prisoners in our own country" and under attack by ethnic Albanians.

In Geneva, the U.N. refugee agency warned that a "Serb-free Kosovo" could soon be the result since only 30,000 Serbs remain from the province's pre-war population of 200,000.

"We are pretty much approaching the line of a Serb-free Kosovo, which is an extremely sad phenomenon," said spokesman Kris Janowski. "The terrible scenario that we warned against of one exodus following the other is happening."

London garden

the complex's garden of its flowers, including gladioli, tulips, daffodils, lilies, poppies, pansies and a rose bush.

"One minute the garden was there, the next it was gone," Paul Eustace, chairman of the tenants' association, told the *London Evening Standard.*

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Lutheran leader urges building 'good society'

World federation official promotes tolerance in speech at city church

By LAURIE WILLIS
SUN STAFF

As tensions in the Middle East worsen, the Lutheran Church must do all it can to help foster a "good society," including becoming more tolerant of other religions, Ishmael Noko, the first African general secretary of the Lutheran World Federation, said yesterday.

"We live in a society that has many tribulations and many things for us to lament," Noko, 58, told about 125 people at Christ Lutheran Church at the Inner Harbor.

"We have to have a responsibility toward reconstruction of a good society."

Noko's speech was sponsored by the Luther Institute, which is based in Washington and routinely brings in guest lecturers. People from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia listened via teleconference.

Noko asked whether a good society is feasible in a "rapidly changing world." He also questioned whether it's possible to have a good society that is good for everyone.

Democracy, valuing all human beings, equal treatment for women, effective conflict resolution, mutual trust and confidence, children's welfare and managing the environment are among key components of a good society, he said.

"In the good society, democracy must not only be the means of self-determination by the majority, but the protector of the rights of all minorities, including noncitizens," Noko said.

"In the good society, active citizenship rather than apathetic passivity is a shared value, for which all members of the society are educated and empowered."

Noko stressed human rights.

"Another feature of the good society is the recognition of the inherent God-given value of every human being," he said.

"Nobody should be valued on the basis of what they can produce or cannot produce. We are all valuable because Christ died on the cross. ... The church and the Christian community have to remind people that ... primacy must be placed on human life."

Born in Zimbabwe, Noko is an ordained pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Zimbabwe. He has served in the Lutheran World Federation, considered the umbrella group of most Lutheran churches worldwide, since 1982 and became its leader in 1994.

To earn his doctorate at McGill University in Quebec, Noko wrote a thesis titled "The Concept of God in Black Theology: An Appreciation of God as Liberator and Reconciler."

As general secretary, Noko is the chief executive officer of the Lutheran World Federation, which has its headquarters in Geneva.

He was scheduled to return to Geneva yesterday, after spending three days in the Baltimore area and giving three lectures.

He attended an international conference on ending world hunger at Airlee House in Virginia, said the Rev. Michael T. Kuchinsky, vice president of the Luther Institute.

The Rev. John R. Sabatelli, pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, said Noko's speech was well received.

"I thought the general secretary's remarks were very good and right on in terms of what's necessary to build a human community in which violence is at least minimized, if not eliminated," Sabatelli said.

"I think he was very honest about the church itself and some of the issues within the Lutheran Communion of Churches."

Lutheran officials thanked Noko with a photo of a young girl kneeling beside a dilapidated camp in Haiti.

Marvin M. Polikoff, 81, lawyer who challenged segregation laws

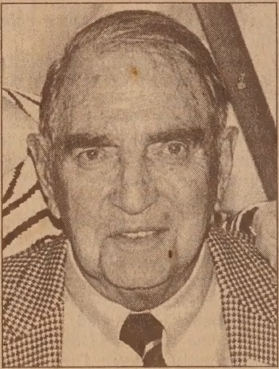
By MIKE BOWLER
SUN STAFF

Marvin M. Polikoff, a lawyer who challenged Baltimore's segregation laws and defended those arrested in civil rights demonstrations, died Wednesday of an apparent heart attack. He was 81.

Mr. Polikoff, who lived in Pikesville, was stricken in the parking lot of the Owings Mills Metro station, said his wife, Shirley. She said he was on his way to meet clients in downtown Baltimore. Although he had closed his practice in January after 50 years, she said, "he still couldn't abandon a few."

Called "Buck" by friends and family, Mr. Polikoff was a solo practitioner in Baltimore for most of his career. Without charge, he challenged laws that prevented blacks and whites from playing tennis together in Druid Hill Park, and he represented those arrested in the 1963 demonstrations that ended segregation at the Gwynn Oak Amusement Park.

Among Mr. Polikoff's clients were two locals of the Communications Workers of America. When his clients went on strike, "Buck thought nothing of joining the picket line," said Mrs. Polikoff. "He was so compas-



Marvin Polikoff defended people arrested in civil rights demonstrations.

Jesuit priest who spent much of his life fighting for the dignity of Maryland prison inmates. The Polikoffs and Father Tobey were co-founders of Maryland's first halfway house for recently released prisoners.

Born in Baltimore in 1921, Mr. Polikoff attended the Talmudical Academy of Baltimore and City College, from which he graduated in 1938. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland, College Park in 1942 and joined the Navy, serving on active duty un-

in a biweekly poker game to which he would come with a fresh joke. "He had a wonderful sense of self-effacing humor," said Baltimore journalist Louis G. Panos, a longtime friend. "He'd do pseudo-vaudeville routines. He'd call his friends at 7 a.m. every Pearl Harbor Day. He'd yell, 'Zeroes at 8 o'clock high! Gotta warn the rest!' and then hang up."

Former Maryland U.S. Sen. Joseph D. Tydings, for whom Mr. Polikoff campaigned, recalled traveling with him to an Atlantic Coast Conference basketball tournament. "He was a joy to be around," said Mr. Tydings. "He was an avid Terps fan and a splendid lawyer, a champion for the little guy."

Mr. Polikoff joked that he was a better lawyer than businessman. While traveling in Europe with his wife, he turned down an opportunity to open one of the first U.S. franchises of a German car manufacturer, Volkswagen. In the 1950s, he advised his friend Ordell Braase of the Baltimore Colts that lawyers would never make money as agents for professional athletes.

Mr. Polikoff loved to study maps, said a niece, Nina Globus. "He would sit with a map for hours, reading it just like people read books," she said.

"Elizabeth House" Dedicated at 1810 Light Street

(continued from front page)

congregations, and down-to-the-wire finishing and detail work by the Light Street Hammers, the beautifully renovated two-story brick rowhouse will soon be home to a low-income family working toward the LSH goal of home ownership in the community. Tenant families residing at "Elizabeth House" will be sponsored by and receive on-going financial, practical and spiritual support and training from a team of Christ Lutheran Church members, helping the families to achieve their goals.

The dedication began at 1:30 pm on Sunday, June 6, with prayers for the blessing of the house by Pastor John Sabatelli of Christ Lutheran and The Rev. Dr. George Toole of Towson Presbyterian. Pastor Sabatelli introduced church member Elizabeth Lottich, for whom "Elizabeth House" is named. Mrs. Lottich was described as a tireless advocate for the needy in our community. She served for many years as chairperson of Christ Lutheran's Social Ministry Committee, and led in the establishment of a soup kitchen, an emergency men's shelter (now a transitional shelter and recovery center located at South Baltimore Station) and the Women and Children's Shelter still operating at the church, located between Charles and Light Streets on the Inner Harbor. Dr. Toole recognized a team of retired men from Towson Presbyterian Church who had dedicated many hours to the rebuilding of the house at 1810 Light Street and served as an inspiration to other volunteers from the church who participated in this and other similar housing projects in the area. In his prayer for "Elizabeth House", Dr. Toole remembered Towson team member Beth Nuttle, who devoted many hours to the project and passed away shortly before it was finished.

Christ Lutheran Church member Elizabeth Lottich for whom "Elizabeth House" was named.

After the official ribbon cutting by Tom Hutchinson, representing Christ Luthern and the Light Street Housing Board, and Bud Hendrickson, a member of the Towson Presbyterian team, more than 100 people were ushered inside the sparkling, sunny home for tours and light refreshments. A brass name plaque on the door of "Elizabeth House" was made and donated by Larry Beck Trophies in Woodlawn.

Initial interviews of prospective tenants are now being conducted by the "Elizabeth House" Family Support Committee. A family will be selected and moved in on August 1.

For More Information, Contact:
JoAnn Ruther, LSH Property Manager at (410) 539-0134.

Connecting Oneself with Oneself

An interview with John Seaman *(continued from page 2)*

QP: Do you get to see any tangible results in the people you help?

JS: Good Question. Yes and no. I am kind of in a fortunate position where some of the guys I work with now are guys I had been working with at the shelter before I left. I've picked up with them both in a group and also individually. Part of why I like working with this group and this population is that it gives me more opportunity for me to work on a much longer term basis. I have guys I've worked with for one or two years. The group now has been going on for two years. So in terms of seeing tangible results, I've seen little successes in their emotional health, spiritual health, and how they interact with others. Other than that, specific simple things like getting a driver's license, or getting a GED, or entering into healthy relationships are some of the successes due to the work we've done together and the work they've done for themselves.

QP: What led you to a career in counseling?

JS: I'll give you the short version. I went to college. I went to seminary. During seminary, I spent a year in Georgia working with a community that was helping Central American refugees. I became concerned about what their situation was and ended up going to Central America for a year. When I came back to Maryland, I thought I would become an associate minister. I talked with Dave Pollitt at Light Street Presbyterian Church, and he said there was a shelter getting ready to open up and that I might want to work there while I are look for a church position. That experience was just God's way of saying to me, "I don't want you to be just in a church. I want you to be working with these folks helping to guide them, empower them, and learn about your own faith." I took that experience, and five years later went back to school to get a master degree in counseling. Currently, I am working towards becoming a licensed therapist.

QP: What do you see is the connection between housing and counseling?

JS: I think that a home as a place to call your own is a very important goal for somebody who has been homeless. Homelessness is a process of disconnection: disconnection with self, disconnection with God, disconnection with family, and disconnection with society. These guys didn't just wake up one day and find themselves homeless. It's a process of burning bridges, disconnecting from support systems, and then finding themselves alone and having to rely only on themselves. They are so pained up that they can't reach out for help. Light Street and I try to reconnect them with themselves and beyond themselves so they can be back in the community and be back in society. Housing is certainly a part of that, reconnecting to a home. The idea of homelessness to homeownership is a metaphor for helping people rebuild themselves. We are helping by metaphorically building a foundation and creating structure that is going to withstand the storms of life. But beyond that, what is put in the homes, how it is decorated, and basically how "home" is obtained is a symbol of what they put into themselves and what they are about. Homeownership is the ultimate goal for a sense of integrity and

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The Rev. Dr. Maria Erling

Maria Erling is presently an Assistant Professor of the History of Christianity in North America and Global Mission at The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. A Lutheran pastor since 1983, she earned her doctorate in American Religious History at Harvard Divinity School in 1996. Her special research and writing interests center on the religious life of immigrants in America, and particularly the many ways that Lutherans in the United States have adapted their tradition and church life to address new situations and challenges.

Dr. Erling is married to John Spangler and they have two school-aged daughters, Marta and Johanna Erling Spangler.

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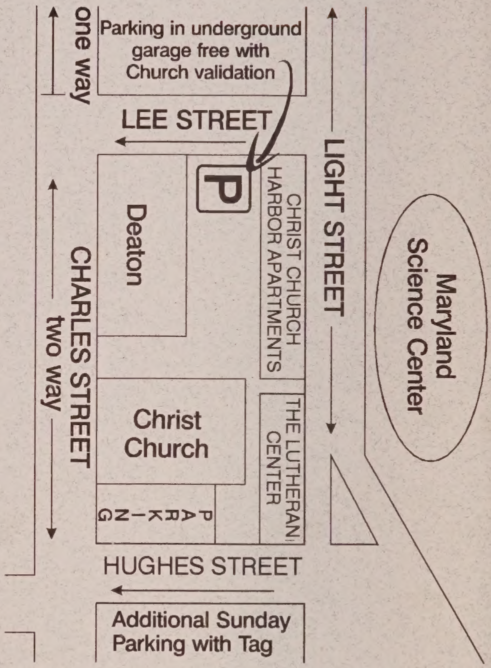

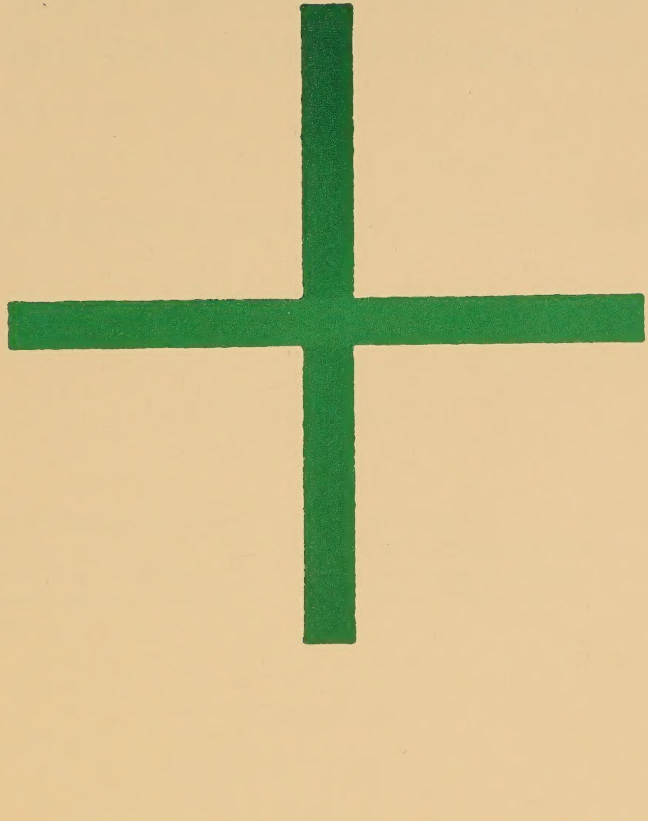

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"We confess together that God forgives sin by grace and at the same time frees human beings from sin's enslaving power and imparts the gift of new life in Christ." JD 22

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"We confess together that good works--a Christian life lived in faith, hope, and love-follow justification and are its fruits." JD 37

Bishop Mocko

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Bishop Mocko

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Bishop Mocko

Let us pray.

O God of patient and tireless love, through Jesus, your Son, you redeemed us by a great sacrifice of love. Renew our hearts by the power of his cross and fill our lives with faith, that we may walk with justice and truth, conformed to the image of your Son, and made one in the Holy Spirit. For you are God, for ever and ever. AMEN

(Collect of Thanksgiving Newly Prepared)

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Lord, hear the prayers of your people and bring the hearts of believers together in your praise and in common sorrow for our sins. Heal all divisions among Christians that we may rejoice in the perfect unity of your Church and move together as one to eternal life in your kingdom. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN

(Collect for unity from the *Roman Sacramentary*)

Cardinal Keeler

In the faith we share, let us pray in the words our Savior Christ has taught us:

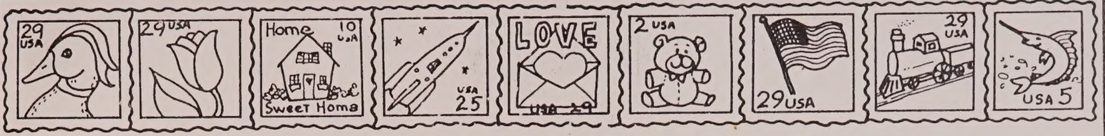
All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by thy name.
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen

Hymn:

"Holy God We Praise Your Name"

1.
Holy God we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth our scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,
Everlasting is your reign.

2.
Hark! The glad celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord;
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"



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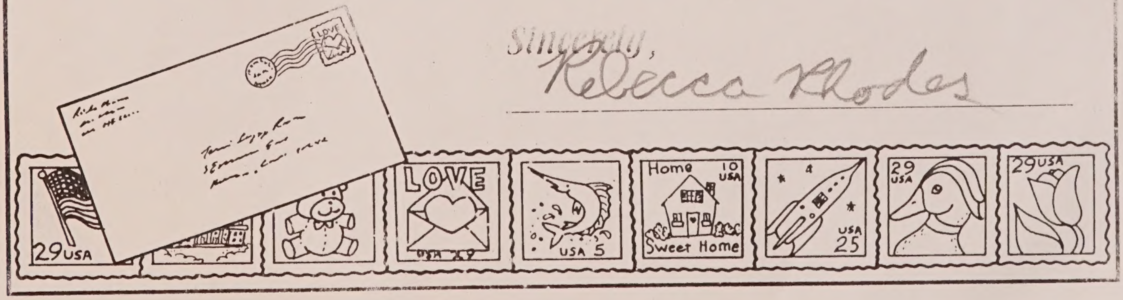

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THE LUTHER INSTITUTE is pleased to announce its current schedule for the Fall. Many of the Public Affairs Seminars are devoted to the important issues surrounding the "Faith-Based Initiatives" proposals. Several of the programs will be video-conferenced to increase participation from other regions and academic institutions for this important set of discussions. Other programs may be announced and sites may be changed in rare situations.

September 13 and 14, 2001, 7:30 pm
The *Körnerischer Sing-Verein Dresden* in two concerts at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Washington, DC, and at Christ Lutheran Church in Baltimore.

September 17, 2001, 7:00 pm
Religion and the Media, part 2
A panel presentation by three respected journalists held at the Freedom Forum in Virginia to discuss the perceptions being shaped by the media on this year's most important religious issues, the "Faith-Based Initiatives" proposals. Is it the "same-old" simplistic debate?

October 4, 2001, 7:00 pm
"Questions of Balance"
A program featuring Professor Edward Gaffney of the Valparaiso University Law School, a noted first amendment scholar, to discuss the legal and civil rights implications of the Faith-Based Initiatives, and do Lutheran perspectives add clarity to the debate. Professor Robert Tuttle from George Washington University Law Center will be the discussant. Held at the Life Cycle Center of Catholic University.

October 6, 2001, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
2001 Wittenberg Awardee, the Rev. Dr. Paul Maier, will conduct a one day seminar entitled "Jesus of Nazareth, What Else Do We Know?" The program will be held and sponsored by Grace Lutheran Church in Woodbridge, Virginia. For more information, call 703-494-4600.

October 18, 2001,7:00 pm
"Taking the Temperature of Global Public Health"
Dr. William Foege, a Wittenberg Awardee for 2001, presents a program on the current state and direction of Global Health policy. He speaks from his experience as former director of the Carter Center and the National Institutes of Health, and now leading the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation on Public Health issues. Held at the Life Cycle Center at Catholic University.

November 7, 2001, 7:00 pm
The "Faith-Based Initiative": Lutheran Policy Interests and Service Delivery Concerns
Kay Bengston, domestic policy coordinator for the Lutheran Office of Governmental Affairs, and Lisa Carr, director of the Washington office for Lutheran Services of America, lead a panel discussion on current policy constraints, concerns, and opportunities afforded by the President's Faith-Based Initiatives. What is at stake for the largest social service delivery network, LSA, in America? To be held at Reformation Lutheran Church or the Brookings Institution.

November 15, 2001, 7:00 pm
"Building a mighty fortress, or what do the Lutherans have to say?"
Professor Robert Benne presents thoughts on what insights Lutheran theology provides to the national debate on faith traditions and social service delivery. Dr. Benne heads the Center for Theology and Public Policy at Roanoke College in Virginia. A discussant will respond to Dr. Benne. To be held at Christ Lutheran Church in Baltimore.

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The Körnerscher Sing-Verein Dresden, a chamber choir, was founded in 1993. It performs a large range of works, particularly liturgical works of the 17th and 18th centuries; and in this year has given special place to Johann Gottlieb Naumann (1741-1801), Dresden court *Kapellmeister* for many years until his death. Period instruments are used in many performances. The chorus members are largely music students and former members of the famous Dresden *Kreuzchor*. Its home is the baroque church in Loschwitz, a suburb of Dresden.

The name derives from Christian Gottfried Körner, counsellor at the Elector of Saxony's court from 1785 to 1815 and father of poet Theodor Körner. Of broad education and varied interests, he did much to further the development of music and drama in Dresden.

Peter Kopp, director, is also the founder of the *Körnerscher Sing-Verein*. He began his musical education as a chorister in the Dresden *Kreuzchor*. Later, after gaining his diploma in church music, he went on to the *Hochschule für Musik* in Dresden, to complete studies in choral and orchestral conducting. While still a student, he conducted the Dresden Bach Choir.

Following the concert in Baltimore, the *Sing-Verein* will travel to St. Louis, Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana, Dallas, and Houston for five additional performances. Recordings of the Kornerscher Sing-Verein, under the direction of Peter Kopp, are available in the narthex of the church.

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The Washington Bach Consort is a very familiar and significant contributor to the Washington music and cultural scene. Under its music director, J. Reilly Lewis, it is one of the few ensembles in the world devoted to the study and performances of the complete vocal and instrumental works of Johann Sebastian Bach. This coming concert season, the Consort will have its twenty-fifth anniversary and, throughout, feature some of J.S. Bach's greatest works. THE LUTHER INSTITUTE expresses its appreciation to the Washington Bach Consort for its help in the promotion of the performances of the *Körnerscher Sing-Verein* in Washington and in Baltimore.

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The *Körnerscher Sing-Verein* is making its second tour to the United States. (The first was in 2000.) Initially intending to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the death of Johann Gottlieb Naumann (1741-1801), plans for presentation of music of this Dresden master were deferred: the cost of including, on tour, an orchestra of top talent was prohibitive.

The repertoire of 17th and 18th century German liturgical music is rich and vast. From this literature, for these concerts, and covering Leipzig and Dresden, great musical centers of the North, works of the two most eminent composers, two outstanding less known composers, and a current Dresden musician, have been chosen.

Johann Sebastian Bach was born March 21, 1685, in Eisenach. After service in Weimar, Arnstadt, Mühlhausen and Cöthen, Bach moved to Leipzig as cantor at the *Thomasschule*, leading the choristers and teaching Latin, and organizing the music of the five churches in Leipzig. He remained in Leipzig 27 years composing most of the liturgical music for the city's two principal churches, St. Thomas and St. Nicholas. He died July 28, 1750.

Three of Bach's motets are on the programs. He wrote six, and doubt even exists of the attribution to Bach of *Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden*. Little is known of the functions for which the motets were written. Except for *Singet dem Herrn ein' neues Lied* (a joyous piece that may have been sung at a birthday celebration in Leipzig for the Elector, Friedrich August "The Strong," of Saxony, May 12, 1727), it is thought that the motets were written as music for funeral or memorial services. Bach's motets, unlike his cantatas, and typical of the time, do not call for instrumentation. The inclusion of a continuo, however, and the use of other instruments to double the voices, but not as prominently as in cantatas, was frequently done, as it is done today. Again, unlike in his cantatas, the motets have no arias, duets or recitatives.

Komm, Jesu, komm, is the most intimate motet written by Bach. Expressions of longing for death may be found often in the music of Bach, but not as a succumbing to utter despair; rather as an exalted manifestation of a sure faith and a firm conviction. *Fürchte dich nicht*, shows the excitement of his conviction. Though written as a choral work of comfort, it is animated and picturesque.

Bach's *Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit*, is from Bach's Clavier *Übung*, published in 1739, one of three *Kyrie* chorales, based on the Lutheran Mass, among twenty-one chorale settings in the collection.

The **Johann Christoph Bach** (1642-1703), whose motet *Ich lasse dich nicht* is on the Baltimore program, was a cousin of Johann Sebastian, the son of Johann Sebastian's grandfather's (Christoph 1613-1661) brother (Heinrich 1615-1692). Johann Christoph was town organist and court harpsichordist in Eisenach. A near mentor in Johann Sebastian's early years, Bach would later refer to him (Johann Christoph) as "the profound composer." Johann Christoph's motet is reflected in the spirit and character of *Komm, Jesu, komm*.

The great Lutheran musical heritage of the German Lutheran chorale stands supreme, reaching its epitome in the works of J.S. Bach. **Heinrich Schütz** (1585-1672), born a century before Bach, is his greatest Lutheran musical predecessor. Through a long life Schütz produced a vast body of church music.

After studying law at Marburg, Schütz went to Venice under the encouragement of his musical sponsor, *Landgraf* Moritz. There he studied with Giovanni Gabrieli (1555-1612). In 1617 he entered the service of the Elector of Saxony in Dresden and remained there until his death. There were interruptions of impact. From 1630 to 1637 the Black Death infected Dresden and his friends and relatives. Schütz, who had married in 1619, lost his wife in 1625 and never remarried. The turmoil of the Thirty Years' War caused him to undertake a second journey to Venice and, later, to take a leave of absence to reside in Copenhagen, working at the court of Denmark.

Standing between Palestrina and J.S. Bach, Schütz had no peer in German music, applying to it the Italian choral style and developing it into sublime church music. Of all the works of polyphonic and polychoral music which Schütz composed, the *Musikalische Exequien* is unparalleled in the time from Palestrina to Bach. It is remarkable for its orthodox evangelical theology, beautiful contrapuntal writing, and inspirational melodies. Three parts of the work are presented in the performance in Washington.

The *Psalm of David*, published in 1619, is the first important sacred work by Schütz for chorus and instruments, reflective of his time with Gabrieli in Venice. Psalm 84, *Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen*, is but one of 26 compositions in the collection. The verse, *Verleih uns Frieden*, is from his *Geistliche Chormusik* of 1648.

Gottfried August Homilius (1714-1785) studied organ with J.S. Bach. In 1742 he was named organist at Dresden's *Frauenkirche*. In 1755 he became organist at Dresden's *Kreuzkirche* and music director of the city's three major Lutheran churches. He composed numerous cantatas, motets, and organ works, many of which are no longer extant. *Wir liegen für dir* is reflective of the transition from the Baroque period to the classical style with its emphasis on melody and simplicity and the reduced use of counterpoint. Homilius was an important figure in this transition.

In 1998 **Michael-Christfried Winkler** (b. 1946), who was for many years the organist of the Dresdner *Kreuzkirch*e, composed three motets with texts used by Schütz in the "*Geistliche Chormusik*" (1648). In *Gib unsern Fürsten...*, we hear Winkler's motet using the Schütz text. Although the musical language is contemporary, Winkler remains true to Schütz's intentions of integrating or 'transposing' the text deep within the music. The composer dedicated this work to Volker Kreß, Bishop of the Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Saxony. — Winkler is one of the most important organists who play contemporary music in Germany. He serves as a member of the "jury" at many European organ festivals and events for improvisation and modern music.

The Rev. Professor **Robert Bergt**, musician and theologian and a Wittenberg Awardee in 1999, contributed to these notes. Professor Bergt is Founder and Director of the **American** *Kantorei* which performs a Bach series annually at the Concordia Lutheran Seminary in St. Louis.

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JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

(Paul Thymich, verse 1 and 11 of a funeral hymn, composed by *Thomaskirche* Cantor, Johann Schelle, for the headmaster of Thomas School, Jacob Thomasius [1622-1684]).

Komm, Jesu, komm

Komm, Jesu, komm,
Mein Leib ist müde,
Die Kraft verschwindt je mehr und mehr,
Ich sehne mich
Nach deinem Frieden;
Der saure Weg wird mir zu schwer!
Komm, ich will mich dir ergeben;
Du bist der rechte Weg, die Wahrheit und
das Leben.

Drum schliess ich mich in deine Hände
Und sage, Welt, zu guter Nacht!
Eilt gleich mein Lebenslauf zu Ende,
Ist doch der Geist wohl angebracht.
Er soll bei seinem Schöpfer schweben,
Weil Jesus ist und bleibt
Der wahre Weg zum Leben.

Come, Jesus, come

Come, Jesus, come,
For I am weary;
My powers grow less from day to day,
And I long for thy peace.
The bitter path grows hard for me.
O come and make me thy possession;
Thou only art the way, the truth,
and the life.

Into thy hands I yield my spirit,
And say, O world, a last good night.
If death comes now, I shall not fear it;
In thee my spirit is content.
In God's own house I would be standing,
For Jesus now and ever
Shows us life abounding.

Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden

Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden,
und preiset ihn alle Völker!
Denn seine Gnade und Wahrheit
waltet über uns in Ewigkeit.
Halleluja.

Oh praise the Lord, all ye nations

Oh praise the Lord, all ye nations.
Praise him, all ye people.
For his merciful kindness is great toward us
and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.
Halleluja!

Fürchte dich nicht

Fürchte dich nicht, ich bin bei dir;
weiche nicht, denn ich bin dein Gott!
Ich stärke dich, ich helfe dir auch, ich
erhalte dich durch die rechte Hand meiner
Gerechtigkeit.

Fürchte dich nicht, denn ich habe dich
erlöset,
Ich habe dich bei deinem Namen gerufen,
du bist mein!

Herr, mein Hirt, Brunn aller Freuden,
Du bist mein, ich bin dein,
Niemand kann uns scheiden.
Ich bin dein, weil du dein Leben
Und dein Blut mir zugut
In den Tod gegeben.

Du bist mein, weil ich dich fasse,
Und dich nicht, o mein Licht
Aus dem Herzen lasse.
Lass mich, lass mich hingelangen,
Da du mich und ich dich
Lieblich werd umfangen.

Fürchte dich nicht, Du bist mein!

Be not afraid

Be not afraid, I am with you; tremble not,
for I am your God;
I strengthen you, I give you my help,
I uphold you now through the right
hand of my righteousness.

Be not afraid. For in truth I have
redeemed you;
for by your name I now have named you
and called you; you are mine.

Lord, my shepherd, source of gladness,
You are mine, I am yours,
No one can divide us.
I am yours, for by your passion,
With your blood, for my good,
You have brought salvation.

You are mine, for I shall hold you;
From my heart, O my light,
I will never yield you.
Let me give you my devotion,
That for me you may be
My beloved possession.

Be not afraid, You are mine!

Kyrie! Gott Vater in Ewigkeit!

Kyrie! Gott Vater in Ewigkeit!
Groß ist dein Barmherzigkeit,
aller Ding ein Schöpfer und Regierer!
Eleison!

Christe, aller Welt Trost!
Uns Sünder allein du hast erlöst;
Jesu Gottes Sohn!
Unser Mittler bist in dem höchsten Thron,
zu dir schreien wir aus Herzensbegier!
Eleison!

Kyrie! Gott heiliger Geist!
Tröst', stärk' uns im Glauben allermeist,
dass wir am letzten End'
fröhlich abscheiden aus diesem Elend!
Eleison!

(Text: Dresden 1625)

Kyrie! God Father in heav'n above

Kyrie! God Father in heav'n above,
Great art Thou in grace and love,
Of all things the Maker and Preserver.
Eleison!

Christe, comforter of the world,
Salvation for sinners Thou didst bring.
O Lord Jesus, God's own Son,
Our Mediator at the heav'nly throne,
Hear our cry and grant our supplication.
Eleison!

Kyrie! O God the Holy Ghost,
Guard our faith, the gift we need the most;
Do Thou our last hour bless;
Let us leave this sinful world with gladness.
Eleison!

HEINRICH SCHÜTZ

Musikalische Exequien

1. Concert in Form einer teutschen Begräbnis-Missa:

Intonatio
Nacket bin ich von Mutterleibe kommen.
Soli
Nacket werde ich wiederum dahinfahren.
Der Herr hat's gegeben, der Herr hat's
genommen, der Name des Herren
sei gelobet.
Capella
Herr Gott, Vater im Himmel, erbarm dich
über uns.
Soli
Christus ist mein Leben, Sterben ist mein
Gewinn.
Siehe, das ist Gottes Lamm, das der Welt
Sünde trägt.
Capella
Jesu Christe, Gottes Sohn, erbarm dich
über uns.
Soli
Leben wir, so leben wir dem Herren.
Sterben wir,
so sterben wir dem Herren, darum wir
leben oder sterben, so sind wir des Herren.
Capella
Herr Gott, heiliger Geist, erbarm
dich über uns.
Intonatio
Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt, dass er
seinen eingebornen Sohn gab.
Soli
Auf dass alle, die an ihn gläuben,
nicht verloren werden,
sondern das ewige Leben haben.

I. Concerto in the form of a German funeral mass.

Intonation
Naked came I out of my mother's womb
Soli
And naked shall I return thither: The Lord
gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed
be the name of the Lord.

Capella
Lord God, Father in Heaven, have mercy
upon us.
Soli
For me to live is Christ and to die is a gain.
Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away
the sin of the world.

Capella
Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy upon
us.
Soli
Whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and
whether we die,
we die unto the Lord: Whether we live
therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.
Capella
Lord God, Holy Ghost, have mercy upon us.

Intonation
For God so loved the world, that he gave his
only begotten Son,
Soli
that whosoever believeth in him
should not perish,
but have everlasting life.

Capella
Er sprach zu seinem lieben Sohn:
Die Zeit ist hie zu erbarmen,
Fahr hin, mein's Herzens werte Kron',
Und sei das Heil der Armen
Und hilf ihn' aus der Sünden Not,
Erwürg für sie den bittern Tod
Und lass sie mit dir leben.
Soli
Das Blut Jesu Christi, des Sohnes Gottes, machet
Uns rein von allen Sünden.
Capella
Durch ihn ist uns vergeben
Die Sünd, geschenkt das Leben,
Im Himmel soll'n wir haben,
O Gott, wie große Gaben!
Soli
Unser Wandel ist im Himmel, von dannen
wir auch warten des Heilandes Jesu Christi,
des Herren, welcher unsern nichtigen Leib
verklären wird, dass er ähnlich werde
seinemverklärten Leibe.
Capella
Es ist allhier ein Jammertal,
Angst, Not und Trübsal überall,
des Bleibens ist ein kleine Zeit
voller Mühseligkeit,
und wers bedenkt, ist immer im Streit.
Soli
Wenn eure Sünde gleich blutrot wäre, soll sie
Doch schneeweiß werden. Wenn sie gleich ist
Wie rosinfarb, soll sie doch wie Wolle werden.
Capella
Sein Wort, sein Tauf, sein Nachtmahl
Dient wider allen Unfall,
der Heilge Geist im Glauben
lehrt uns darauf vertrauen.

Capella
He said unto his own dear Son,
The time is come for salvation;
Now go and bring, beloved one
New hope to every nation,
Redeem them from the power of sin,
That death forever might not win,
And be their safest refuge.
Soli
The blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God,
cleanseth us from all sin.

Capella
Through him all life is given,
Through him all sins forgiven
That thou in Heaven awaiteth,
O God, my soul elateth.
Soli
Our conversation is in heaven; from
whence also we look for the Saviour,
the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our
vile body, that it may be be fashioned like
his glorious body.
Capella
Our life is but one vale of woe,
Sorrow and want where'er we go;
Though short indeed our stay on earth,
Toil ceaseth not from birth;
We think thereon and gone is our mirth.
Soli
Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall
be as white as snow;

Though they be red like crimson, they shall
be as wool.
Capella
His sacraments provide us
With inner strength to guide us;
The Holy Ghost assureth
His love forever endureth.

Soli
Gehe hin, mein Volk, in eine Kammer und schleuß die Tür nach dir zu! Verbirge dich einen kleinen Augenblick, bis der Zorn vorübergehe. Der Gerechten Seelen sind in Gottes Hand, und keine Qual rühret sie an. Für den Unverständigen werden sie angesehen, als stürben sie, und ihr Abschied wird für eine Pein gerechnet, und ihr Hinfahren für Verderben, aber sie sind in Frieden. Herr, wenn ich nur dich habe, so frage ich nichts
Nach Himmel und Erden. Wenn mir gleich Leib und Seele verschmacht, so bist du Gott allzeit meines Herzens Trost und mein Teil.

Soli & Capella
Er ist das Heil und selig Licht
Für die Heiden,
Zu erleuchten, die dich kennen nicht,
Und zu weiden,
Er ist deines Volks Israel
Der Preis, Ehr, Freud und Wonne.
Soli
Unser Leben währet siebenzig Jahr, und wenn's hoch kömmt, so sind's achtzig Jahr, und wenn es köstlich gewesen ist, so ist es Müh und Arbeit gewesen.

Capella
Ach, wie elend ist unser Zeit
Allhier auf dieser Erden,
Gar bald der Mensch darniederleit,
Wir müssen alle sterben,
Allhier in diesem Jammertal,
Ist Müh und Arbeit überall,
Auch wenn dirs wohl gelinget.

Soli
Go hence my people into a chamber and bolt the door behind you; hide yourselves a brief while until the wrath has passed. The souls of the righteous are in God's hand, and there shall no torment touch them.
In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die, but they are in peace, and their departure is taken for misery, and their going hence to be utter destruction but they are in peace.
Lord, if I only have thee, then I ask earth and heaven for nothing else. Even if my flesh and my heart fail: Thou, God art my heart's comfort and portion for ever.

Soli & Capella
He is salvation and blessed light
For the heathen,
To give light to them that know thee not
And to feed them.
And of thy chosen Israel
The joy, delight, and glory.
Soli
The days of our years are threescore years and ten,
And if by reason of strengh they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow.
Capella
How wearisome is our life
Which we on earth do cherish,
And though we enter in the strife,
Yet we must all soon perish.
We meet in this dread vale of woe,
Sorrow and want where'er we go,
Even when we think we prosper.

Solus
Ich weiß, das mein Erlöser lebt, und er wird mich
Hernach aus der Erde auferwecken, und werde
Darnach mit dieser meiner Haut umgeben werden, und werde in meinem Fleisch Gott sehen.
Capella
Weil du vom Tod erstanden bist,
Wird ich im Grab nicht bleiben,
Mein höchster Trost dein Auffahrt ist,
Todsfurcht kannst du vertreiben,
Denn wo du bist, da komm ich hin.
Daß ich stets bei dir leb und bin,
Drum fahr ich hin mit Freuden.
Soli
Herr, ich lasse dich nicht, du segnest mich denn.
Capella
Er sprach zu mir: halt dich an mich,
Es soll dir itzt gelingen,
Ich geb mich selber ganz für dich,
Da will ich für dich ringen,
Den Tod verschlingt das Leben mein,
Mein Unschuld trägt die Sünde dein;
Da bist du selig worden.

II. Herr, wenn ich nur dich habe

Herr, wenn ich nur dich habe, so frage ich nichts nach Himmel und Erden. Wenn mir gleich Leib und Seele verschmacht, so bist du doch, Gott, allezeit meines Herzens Trost und mein Teil.

III. Canticum B. Simeonis:

Intonatio
Herr, nun lässest du deinen Diener
Chorus I
in Frieden fahren, wie du gesagt hast.
Denn meine Augen haben deinen Heiland gesehen, welchen du bereitet hast für allen Völkern, ein Licht, zu erleuchten die Heiden
und zum Preis deines Volkes Israel.

Solus
I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he
shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:
And though after my skin, worms destroy
this body, yet in my flesh I shall see God.

Capella
Since thou art risen from the dead,
Death is no longer mighty.
Though thine Ascension all are fled
Those fears that did affright me;
For where thou art, thither come I,
To dwell with thee in unity.
And so I come rejoicing.
Soli
I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.
Capella
He said to me, be true to me
For then thy way will prosper;
Myself I offer unto thee.
As I for thee did suffer.
Against my power death cannot win,
And I can cleanse thee of all sin,
life everlasting hast thou.

II. Whom have I in heaven but thee?

Lord, whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon the earth that I desire beside thee. My flesh and my heart faileth:
but God is the strengh of my heart and my portion for ever.

III. Song of St. Simeon

Intonation
Lord, now lettest thou thy servant
Chorus I
Depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prapared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

Chorus II

Selig sind die Toten, die in den Herren sterben.
Sie ruhen von ihrer Arbeit, und ihre Werke folgen ihnen nach.
Sie sind in der Hand des Herren und keine Qual rühret sie.
Selige sind die Toten, die in dem Herren sterben.

Verleih uns Frieden

Verleih uns Frieden gnädiglich, Herr Gott, zu unsern Zeiten. Es ist doch ja kein ander nicht, der für uns könnte streiten, denn du, unser Gott, alleine.

Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen (Psalm 84)

Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen,
Herre Zebaoth.
Mein Seel verlanget und sehnet sich nach den Vorhöfen des Herren.
Mein Leib und Seele freuet sich in dem lebendigen Gott.
Denn der Vogel hat ein Haus funden
und die Schwalbe ihr Nest, daß sie Junge hecken.
Nämlich deine Altar, Herre Zebaoth, mein König und mein Gott.
Wohl denen, die in deinem Hause wohnen, die loben dich immerdar. Sela.
Wohl den Menschen, die dich für ihre Stärke halten, und von Herzen dir nachwandeln.
Die durch das Jammertal gehen und graben daselbst Brunnen.
Und die Lehrer werden mit viel Segen geschmücket,
sie erhalten einen Sieg nach dem andern,
daß man sehen muß,
der rechte Gott sei zu Zion.

Chorus II

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.
They rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.
They are in the hand of God and there shall no torment touch them.
Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.

Grant us peace

Grant us peace in our time, Lord God;
there is none who could do battle for us
but you alone, our God.

How lovely is your dwelling place

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!
My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.
Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise. Selah
Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
As they go through the valley of thirst, they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.
They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

Herr Gott Zebaoth, höre mein Gebet,
vernimms, Gott Jakob, Sela.
Gott unser Schild, schau doch,
siehe an das Reich deines Gesalbten.
Denn ein Tag in deinen Vorhöfen ist besser, denn sonst tausend.
Ich will lieber der Tür hüten in meines Gottes Hause
denn lange wohnen in der Gottlosen Hütten.
Denn Gott der Herr ist Sonn und Schild,
der Herr gibt Gnad und Ehre.
Er wird kein Gutes mangeln lassen den Frommen,
Herr Zebaoth, wohl dem Menschen, der sich auf dich verlässt.

O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah
Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.
For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.
For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.
O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

GOTTFRIED AUGUST HOMILIUS

Domine, ad adjuvandum me festina

Domine, ad adjuvandum me festina.
Gloria patri et filio et spiritui sancto,
sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum.
Amen. Alleluja.

O Lord, make haste to help me

O Lord, make haste to help me.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen. Alleluja.

Deo dicamus gratias.

Thanks be to God.

Wir liegen für dir

Wir liegen für dir mit unserm Gebet,
nicht auf unsere Gerechtigkeit, sondern auf deine große Barmherzigkeit.
Ach Herr, höre,
ach Herr, sei gnädig,
ach Herr, merk auf,
und tue es und verzeuch nicht um dein selbst willen, mein Gott!

We appeal to you

We appeal to you with our prayers, not trusting in our own
righteousness, but in thy great mercy. O Lord, hear us.
O Lord, be gracious. Heed us, O Lord, and accomplish this,
and condemn us not, for thy Name's sake, my God!

JOHANN CHRISTOPH BACH

Ich lasse dich nicht

Ich lasse dich nicht, du segnest mich denn,
mein Jesu.

Weil du mein Gott und Vater bist,
dein Kind wirst du verlassen nicht,
du väterliches Herz.
Ich bin ein armer Erdenkloß,
auf Erden weiß ich keinen Trost.

I will not leave you

I will not leave you before you bless me, my
Jesus!

Since you are my God and my Father,
you will not abandon your child,
you, paternal heart.
I am a poor creature of this earth
and have no comfort in this world.

MICHAEL-CHRISTFRIED WINKLER

Gib unsern Fürsten

Gib unsern Fürsten und aller Obrigkeit
Fried und gut Regiment,
dass wir unter ihnen ein geruhig und stilles
Leben führen mögen
in aller Gottseligkeit. Amen.

Give our princes

Give our princes and all authorities peace
and a good reign,
in order that we might live a calm and
quiet life under them, in godliness and
decency. Amen.

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